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SUMMARY.

The King will start on August 10 on a visit to Marienbad, and will be absent from the kingdom about a month.

Besides meeting the German Emperor, his Majesty will meet the Emperor Francis Joseph at Ischl on August 12.

The Prince of Wales, before leaving Quebec in H.M.S. Indomitable, testified to the pleasure he had derived from his visit.

A semi-official announcement regarding the meeting of the Czar and President Fallieres at Reval has been issued.

It states that there is complete harmony of views between France and Russia on all international topics.

A non-political Parliamentary committee is being formed in England to support the maintenance of a strong navy.

The New South Wales Commissioners to the Franco-British Exhibition gave a dinner at the Trocadero.

Sir Hector Carruthers, who presided, stated that the exhibition was the finest advertisement Australia had ever received.

The Sultan of Turkey has promised that he would ever work for the happiness and security of the people.

He has proclaimed a general amnesty, which, it is estimated, will liberate 70,000 political prisoners.

The Parliament of Turkey will meet on November 1.

The reform proposals put forward by Russia with regard to Macedonia will remain in abeyance in view of the new situation in Turkey.

The Finance Bill was read the second time in the House of Lords. Business of supply has been concluded in the Commons.

Mr. Asquith has received an appeal signed by 144 of his supporters in the House of Commons for a reduction of armaments.

The Advisory Committee met, and recommended that an Australian team be invited to visit England in 1909.

The Marylebone Club agreed to cable a cordial invitation to Australia.

The First Lord of the Admiralty deprecates invidious comparisons between the British and German navies.

The British Labour party's executive has invited German workmen to co-operate in defeating war propaganda.

They are urged to assist in securing permanent good relations between the two nations.

Slevier, in the course of cross-examination, declared that Joel and Mills had conspired to manufacture evidence against him.

The riots in Bombay have ceased, and the city is now quiet.

A band of brigands derailed a train on the Fayoum railway line, in Egypt. The passengers were robbed and a guard wounded.

Thousands of Chinese were drowned by the typhoon at Hongkong, and 100 native vessels were wrecked.

The regular tram service was resumed yesterday, and cars were run as usual on all sections at night.

The officials worked throughout Wednesday night, reinstating men and assigning them duties at the depots.

Practically the whole of the old staff, with necessary exceptions, have been reinstated.

Yesterday morning normal conditions were prevailing in the service, and the strike was practically forgotten.

Mr. Lawton, the president of the Tramway Union, is still confined to his bed, and is suffering from nervous strain.

Mr. Warton, the secretary, expresses the opinion that the union will not be injured by the strike.

A number of men, he adds, are disheartened, but they will all come back to the union before long.

It is the opinion of the men that they were beaten owing to the failure of the attempt to bring about a general strike.

The Chief Secretary favours a suggestion for granting some reward to the police for their services during the strike.

The Assembly sat until 6 o'clock yesterday morning, and passed the Supply Bill for £3,349,942.

The House had a very brief sitting yesterday, and adjourned until Tuesday.

The Premier was absent owing to the death of his brother, Mr. W. F. Wade.

Mr. Lee said it was improbable the session would be suspended for more than two weeks during the visit of the fleet.

Mr. W. J. Trickett has been re-elected Chairman of Committees in the Legislative Council.

The finance committee of the City Council recommended that the council present an address of welcome to Rear-Admiral Sperry.

The Minister for Public Instruction, in his annual report, says the year has been one of steady advance in technical education.

It was intended to continue the rural camp schools in the spring and autumn of each year.

At the annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce the president referred to the necessity for an appeal board in Customs' disputes.

Mr. Winchcombe said the congress to open in Sydney next year would be a notable gathering.

It would, he added, be a unique opportunity for convincing an influential body of men as to the resources of Australia.

The earnings of the railways and the tramways for the year ended June 30 amounted to £5,954,128, an increase of £338,021 on the previous year.

After providing for working expenses, and interest on capital invested, there is a surplus of £648,356.

Mr. A. Mackie, principal of the Teachers' Training College, advocates the initiation of travelling scholarships.

A deputation urged the Minister for Education to abolish school boards, and allow their work to be done by the suburban councils.

The Minister pointed out certain objections to the desired arrangement which made the scheme impracticable.

The Farmers and Settlers' Conference carried a motion in favour of a drastic alteration in the State railway policy.

The proposed alteration was in the direction of compelling all persons to contribute to interest charges proportionately to benefits received.

A motion was carried that the Closer Settlement Act be amended to allow of suburban lands being resumed for residential purposes.

Elaborate preparations are being made at Auckland to welcome the American fleet.

Mr. Kidston will return to Brisbane in October. Parliament will not meet until the end of November.

A branch of the Australian Women's National League has been formed at Essendon (Vic.) to fight socialism.

George Hudson, aged 22, shot a girl named Bradley and a man named Adolf Bock, at Blythe, Tasmania, yesterday.

Bock is reported to be dying, and the girl's condition is serious.

The annual meeting of the Young Women's Christian Association was held last night in the Y.M.C.A. Hall.

Sir Harry Rawson, who presided, congratulated the association on the good work it had performed during the year.

The Vicar-General of Melbourne has refused to institute the Rev. C. H. Nash into the incumbency of Christ Church, Geelong.

The reporters walked out of the press gallery in the Assembly at Perth as a protest against unsuitable apartments assigned to them.

There was more buoyancy in silver and copper stocks yesterday, and business was done at advanced rates.

In the case of gold stocks a fair turnover was recorded, especially in Charters Towers shares.

Sheep and lambs sold well at Homebush yesterday, and values for the better qualities were very firm.

The cattle market was animated, and values rose 15s to 20s per head.

Weather Forecast.—Still showery on the coast, chiefly south from Sydney; fine inland, with frosts and fogs. A change approaching the western districts.

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ORMUZ.....	6,465	Shelford.	Sept. 5	Sept. 8	Sept. 10
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For LAUNCESTON—LOONGANA (Turbine Steamer), August 1, 6, 11, 15, 20, 25, 29.
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For N.W. COAST PORTS (TAS.)—OONAH, EVERY TUESDAY and FRIDAY.
For STRAHAN, ZEEHAN, REGATTA POINT, and HOBART—WAINUI, TUESDAY, August 4 (Cargo only).

Tickets available for stop-over or return by Huddart, Parker and Co.'s Steamers.
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THE ADELAIDE STEAMSHIP CO., LIMITED. EXPRESS LINE OF PASSENGER STEAMERS. From Grafton Wharf.

FOR MELBOURNE, — YONGALA, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, JULY 31st, at 5 p.m.

FOR MELBOURNE, ADELAIDE, ALBANY, FREMANTLE. — GRANTALA, SATURDAY, AUGUST 15th, at 1 p.m. Without Transhipment.

Above Steamers take Cargo for transhipment to Port Pirie, Wallaroo, Augusta, and other S.A. Ports; also for Bunbury, Perth, Geraldton, and North-west Ports.

FOR GERALDTON, and all North-west Ports. — BULLARRA (From Fremantle), FRIDAY, AUGUST 14th.

BRISBANE, MACKAY, TOWNSVILLE, CAIRNS (transhipping to all other Queensland Ports). — INNAMINCKA, TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, August 1st, at 12 noon. YONGALA, AUGUST 8th. WOLLOWRA, AUGUST 15th.

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SALOON PASSAGE TICKETS are interchangeable after the first port of call with the other interstate companies on all services, subject to conditions which can be ascertained on application at the Company's Office.
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Splendid Accommodation for Live Stock.
Saloon Four-berth Cabins on deck amidships.
Steerage Deck Cabins large and airy.
Passage Tickets interchangeable with other interstate Companies.

	Saloon.	Steerage.
MELBOURNE	£2 0 0	£1 0 0
ADELAIDE	£3 15 0	£2 0 0
FREMANTLE	£9 0 0	£5 0 0

Pyrmont Bridge Wharf, foot Market-street.
MELBOURNE STEAMSHIP CO., Ltd., Head Office for N.S.W., 56 Pitt-street.
Tels., 2186, 5563, 4034.

SOUTH COAST PORTS. S.S. LEEUWIN sails for BERMAGUI, TATHRA, EDEN, and MELBOURNE, MONDAY NEXT, AUGUST 3rd, 5 p.m.
MELBOURNE STEAMSHIP CO., Ltd., 56 Pitt-street.
Cargo received daily. Pyrmont Bridge Wharf, foot Market-street.

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DELICIOUS and good is understood, I understand, of "Pineapple" Bacon, a rel. meat, a rel. brand.

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Visit Japan during September, October, and November, when the climate is very pleasant, the autumnal tints being then beautifully displayed.
Steamers leaving Sydney as under:—

Steamer.	Tons.	Commander.	Noon.
NIKKO MARU.......	6000	T. Law Harrison	Aug. 12
KUMANO MARU......	6000	N. Mathieson....	Sept. 9
YAWATA MARU......	4000	K. Romma.......	Oct. 7

Saloon amidships, two berths only. Each cabin fitted with electric fans. Qualified Surgeon carried. Linen washed on board at moderate prices.
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BURNS, PHILP, and CO., Limited, Managing Agents, 10 Bridge-street.

A.U.S.N. CO., LTD., ROYAL MAIL COASTAL SERVICE. THE POPULAR PASSENGER LINE. FROM THE LIME-STREET WHARVES—

FOR MELBOURNE, — WYANDRA, TUESDAY, 5 p.m., August 4. KANOWNA, SATURDAY, noon, August 8. ARAWATTA, TUESDAY, 5 p.m., August 11.

MELBOURNE, ADELAIDE, Transhipping to Port Pirie, ALBANY, FREMANTLE, Transhipping to Perth, Geraldton, and North-west Ports. — KANOWNA (Without Transhipment), SATURDAY, NOON, AUG. 8. 7000 Tons, Twin Screws, Deck Cabins. Carrying First and Second Saloon and Steerage Passengers. Inspection invited. Early application for berths necessary, and ** PILBARRA (without transhipment) TUESDAY, August 18.

** S.S. PILBARRA omits Albany, and proceeds through to Geraldton.

BRISBANE, MARYBOROUGH,† BUNDABERG,† GLADSTONE,† ROCKHAMPTON, TOWNSVILLE (Jetty and Town Wharfs). — *MAREEBA (Cargo only), TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, noon, August 1. ARAMAC, TUESDAY, 7 p.m., August 4. *KOMURA (Cargo only), SATURDAY, noon, August 8.

BRISBANE, ROCKHAMPTON, MACKAY, BOWEN, TOWNSVILLE (Town Wharf), TOWNSVILLE (Jetty Wharf), LUCINDA,‡ GERALDTON,‡ MOURILYAN,‡ CAIRNS, PORT DOUGLAS, COOKTOWN. — ARAMAC, TUESDAY, 7 p.m., August 4. WYANDRA, TUESDAY, 7 p.m., August 11. ARAWATTA, TUESDAY, 7 p.m., August 18. WYREEMA (new Steamer, Twin Screw, 6287 tons), TUESDAY, 6 p.m., August 25.

THURSDAY ISLAND, NORMANTON, BURKETOWN. — WYANDRA, TUESDAY, 7 p.m., August 11. (Transhipping at Brisbane.)

LAUTOKA, SUVA, LEVUKA, FIJI. — SUVA, WEDNESDAY, August 5, 5 p.m.

* THROUGH SERVICE TO ROCKHAMPTON, TRANSHIPPING AT BRISBANE FOR TOWNSVILLE.
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After First Port Saloon Tickets are interchangeable under certain conditions with all Interstate Companies in the Queensland and Western Trades, to be ascertained on application to BURNS, PHILP, and CO., Limited, Agents, 10 Bridge-street.

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Special attention is drawn to movements of the following well-known passenger steamers.
ARAMAC leaves Sydney for Melbourne August 25, and returns from Melbourne to Sydney August 29, same day as the fleet arrives in Melbourne.
WODONGA leaves Sydney September 1, arriving Melbourne September 3, during the festivities, leaving again for Sydney September 5, day of departure of the fleet from Melbourne.
Return portions of tickets are interchangeable with all interstate companies without extra charge; also with Railways, on payment of a small extra charge.
Passengers unable to obtain hotel accommodation in Melbourne can arrange to remain on board the steamers during their stay in port at a moderate tariff.
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S.S. AIRLIE, from N.D.L. Wharf, west side Circular Quay, TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, 11.30 a.m., August 1. Cargo received up to noon THIS DAY, FRIDAY. To be followed by S.S. GUTHRIE, SEPTEMBER 1.

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FOR MELBOURNE, ADELAIDE, Transhipping to PORT PIRIE, ALBANY, FREMANTLE, Transhipping to PERTH, GERALDTON, and NORTH-WEST PORTS. — KANOWNA, 7000 Tons, Twin Screws, Deck Cabins. SATURDAY, Noon, August 8. Carrying First and Second Saloon and Steerage Passengers. EARLY APPLICATION FOR BERTHS NECESSARY.

CARGO RECEIVED AT HOWARD SMITH'S WHARF.

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THE NORTH COAST STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED, From Company's Wharf, 3 Sussex-street, Bars and Weather Permitting.
CLARENCE RIVER.—Kyogle, To-morrow, 9 p.m.
RICHMOND RIVER.—Brundah, Monday, 9 a.m.
MACLEAY RIVER.—Yulgilbar, Tuesday, 7 p.m.
MANNING RIVER.—Electra, Monday, 7 p.m.
BELLINGER RIVER.—Rosedale, Saturday, 9 p.m.
NAMBUCCA RIVER.—Rocklily, Wednesday next.
FROM DRUITT-STREET.
BYRON BAY.—Cavanba, To-morrow, 9 a.m.
COFF'S HARBOUR and TRIAL BAY.—Cavanba, To-morrow, 9 a.m.
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	Saloon.	FARES:	Third-class
London, from £57.			£16 to £20
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FOR MELBOURNE, GEELONG, — BOMBALA, 2 p.m., TO-MORROW, Saturday. COOMA, 2 p.m., SATURDAY, August 8.

ADELAIDE, ALBANY, FREMANTLE (Taking Cargo for S.A., Gulf Ports, Perth, Hopetoun, and all other W.A. Ports), — KYARRA, 12 Noon, SATURDAY, August 22.

BRISBANE (Transhipping at Brisbane for Maryborough, Bundaberg, and Gladstone), ROCKHAMPTON (Wharf), — ALLINGA, 5 p.m., TUESDAY, August 4. CABO, 5 p.m., TUESDAY, August 11.

BRISBANE (Transhipping at Brisbane for Maryborough, Bundaberg, and Gladstone), ROCKHAMPTON, MACKAY, TOWNSVILLE (Transhipping at Townsville for Lucinda Point, Cardwell, Mourilyan, Geraldton, Cairns, Port Douglas). — PEREGRINE, 2 p.m., TO-MORROW, Saturday. BOMBALA, 2 p.m., SATURDAY, Aug. 8. COOMA, 2 p.m., SATURDAY, August 15.

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WELLINGTON, LYTTELTON, DUNEDIN, and BLUFF, HOBART and MELBOURNE (Transhipping to outports). — ULIMAROA, 6000 Tons (Twin Screw), SATURDAY, August 22.

From MELBOURNE, via HOBART and BLUFF—ULIMAROA, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5.

TASMANIA.

HOBART—WESTRALIA, TUESDAY, August 4, noon, and Aug. 18.
From HOBART—WESTRALIA, Aug. 11, 25.
LAUNCESTON—From MELBOURNE—ROTOMAHANA, August 4, 8, 13, 18, 22, 27; LOONGANA, Aug. 1, 6, 11, 15, 20, 25, 29.

MELBOURNE, ADELAIDE (Transhipping to Port Pirie), ALBANY, FREMANTLE (Transhipping to Perth, North-west Ports, Geraldton). — * RIVERINA (5000 Tons), TO-MORROW, Saturday, 2 p.m. Connecting at Fremantle with Bullarra. FRIDAY, August 14, for Geraldton and North-west Ports. ** COOLGARDIE, WEDNESDAY, August 12. *RIVERINA (5000 Tons), SATURDAY, August 29.

* Carrying First and Second Saloon and Third-class Passengers. ** Omits Albany, proceeds through to Geraldton.

New Zealand Tickets for stop-over and return by Union Company's steamers, or vice versa.
Return portions of coastal tickets available by all Interstate Companies. Particulars on application.
Cargo will not be received within two hours of steamer's sailing.
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PASSENGERS and CARGO STEAMERS Nightly (Sunday excepted) to NEWCASTLE, MORPETH, etc.
S.S. NAMOI, 1414 Tons, THIS NIGHT, at 11.
PORT STEPHENS, BULAHDELAH, BOORAL, and BUNGWAHL.—S.S. HAWK, SATURDAY NEXT, at 2 p.m.
No cargo received after 5 p.m.; Saturday, 1 p.m. BONDED GOODS received up to 4 p.m.; Saturdays, 11 a.m.
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HAWKESBURY RIV. and NEWPORT S.S. CO.—S.S. Narara, THIS DAY, 5 p.m., all parts; S.S. Erina, Gosford, Thursday, 7.45 a.m. Cargo rec. 5 p.m. daily. MITCHELL and JOHNSTON, Agents. Tel., 2155.

S.S. COMMONWEALTH leaves Allison Whf. for Camden Haven Tues., 4th Aug. Cromack, agt. T. 3768.

FINAL NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. S.S. EVERTON GRANGE, FROM BRISTOL, MANCHESTER, AND LIVERPOOL.

ALL CLAIMS against Inward Cargo ex the above Steamer must be rendered in DUPLICATE to the undersigned by 5 p.m. TO-DAY, FRIDAY, 31st instant, otherwise they cannot be recognised.
FINAL SURVEY will be held at the F.H.S. Wharf, Darling Island, at 11 a.m. TO-DAY.
HOULDER BROTHERS and CO., Limited, Managing Agents, 63 Pitt-street, Sydney.

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The Ship will not be responsible for any loss of or damage to cargo after it leaves the ship's slings.
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STANHOPE, Miss, late of Nelson-rd, South Melbourne, send present address to Argyl, Herald Office.

WILL Lady whom gent. met at Marrickville Park last Friday night please meet the same to-night (Friday), at 7.30, wet or fine? Urgent. Carpenter.

MISS Joe Gardiner's Red Pencil Sale and you'll miss the season's great money-saving opportunity.

FAREWELL TO WINTER.

To-day Winter in the World of Dress ends. To-morrow our "Daily Special Line" will be revived. It will not be out of place here to describe briefly the purpose of this Special Line.

"OUR DAILY SPECIAL LINE," TO-MORROW.

Every morning in this paper we offer a Line at a reduced price. The reduction is made to bring the goods into prominence, and to attract business.
There is one condition only imposed upon buyers, and that is—the purchase over the counter must be made on the day advertised, or it cannot be obtained at the reduced price.
Orders by letter must be sent immediately on receipt of the newspapers to gain the benefit of the reduction.
To-morrow's Line will be something attractive in GLOVES. Look at the paper to-morrow for particulars.

THE LAST OF OUR ENGLISH TAILOR-MADES.

To-day is the last day of Reduced Prices on this season's goods. There are some two dozen Ladies' Attractive Tailor-made Costumes, ready to wear, we are offering at a special price.
USUALLY, 29/6; TO-DAY, 17/6.
These include Black and White Striped Tweed Costumes, Serge Costumes, and Cloth Costumes, in various colours, in Eton, Russian, and Hip Coat Styles. To-day is the last opportunity, and they are further REDUCED TO 17/6.

A BARGAIN TABLE OF COTTON DRESS MATERIALS.

It may seem to be out of season to mention Cotton Remnants, but the fact is we have too many Cotton Remnants to carry forward to the Summer Season, and they must be sold this week. To attain this end they are marked very low in price; in fact, the prices are ridiculously low. The following we take at random from our Bargain Table:—

		Now.
4½ Yards Fancy Muslin	2/6 ..	1/3
4½ Yards Fancy Lawn	4/9 ..	2/6
3½ Yards Black and White Tulle	3/6 ..	2/9
3 Yards Green Muslin, with White Spot	2/6 ..	1/
3½ Yards Holland Colour Muslin, with Black Spot	3/6 ..	/9
4 Yards Fancy Muslin	5/ ..	1/11

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These Cork Linoleums are double the thickness of ordinary Linoleum, and the only reason for so big a reduction is that they have been slightly damaged in the printing. One of the principal recommendations of a Cork Linoleum or Carpet is that it has all the warmth of a Carpet, although it has the substance of a Linoleum. They are durable, and can be used with excellent effect in the Nursery, Bedroom, or Dining Room. We wish to emphasise the fact that the width is 2 yards, and the price is for the 2 yards.
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Usually. Now.
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CHILDREN'S SHOES, with patent ankle strap and riveted soles. Sizes 4 to 6, 1/4; 7 to 10, 1/8.
WARM FELT SLIPPERS in a great variety of styles and kinds, /6, /9, 1/, 1/4, 1/11, up.
GIRLS' GLACE SHOE, tie or 1 bar—stylish. Sizes 7 to 10, 3/6; 11 to 1, 4/6.
LADIES' GLACE BUTTON OR LACE SHOES, very stylish. Always 7/11, now 6/10.
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SQUARE and COMPASS SALEYARDS, 706 George-street, Haymarket.—2 Draught Horses, suit country, cheap; Village Cart, Mare, Harness, £11; Waggons, Buggies, Sulkies; Spring, Butchers', and Pagnel Carts; Waggon, Horses, Harness, suit country, £14; Tipdrays, Tim. Drays, 20 Horses, Ponies, suit any bus.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—In Bankruptcy (No. 17809).—Re Estate of ALFRED CADELL, deceased, late of Sydney, Engineer.—NOTICE is hereby given that the First MEETING of Creditors in the above matter will be held at the office of the Official Assignee, at Denman-chambers, Phillip-street, Sydney, on the 7th day of August, 1908, at 12 noon. To entitle a Creditor to vote thereat his proof must be lodged with the Registrar in Bankruptcy not later than the 4th day of August, 1908. F. H. SALUSBURY, Acting Registrar in Bankruptcy. Mr. C. F. W. LLOYD, Official Assignee.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—In Bankruptcy.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Single MEETING of Creditors in the following matter will be held at the Court, Citizens'-chambers, Moore-st, Sydney, on the 11th day of August, 1908, at 10 a.m., or as soon after as the course of business will permit. To entitle a Creditor to vote thereat his proof must be lodged with the Acting Registrar in Bankruptcy not later than the 7th day of August, 1908:—Re JAMES WALKER (No. 17796), of Belmore, Grocer's Assistant; re FREDERICK FRANK (No. 17803), of Rockdale, Butcher; re ALEXANDER HUTTON DRYSDALE CRAMMOND (No. 17816), of Dubbo, Tailor. F. H. SALUSBURY, Acting Registrar in Bankruptcy. Mr. C. F. W. LLOYD, Official Assignee.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—In Bankruptcy.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Single MEETING of Creditors in the following matter will be held at the Court, Citizens'-chambers, Moore-street, Sydney, on the 10th day of August, 1908, at 10 a.m., or as soon after as the course of business will permit. To entitle a creditor to vote thereat his proof must be lodged with the Acting Registrar in Bankruptcy not later than the 6th day of August, 1908:—Re ALBERT WILLIAM BRADLY (No. 17794), of Montgomery-street, Kogarah, and Baptist-street, Redfern, late of 75 York-street, Sydney, Warehouseman. F. H. SALUSBURY, Acting Registrar in Bankruptcy. Mr. C. F. W. LLOYD, Official Assignee.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—In Bankruptcy.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Single MEETING of Creditors in the following matters will be held at the Court, Citizens'-chambers, Moore-street, Sydney, on the 12th day of August, 1908, at 10 a.m., or as soon after as the course of business will permit. To entitle a creditor to vote thereat his proof must be lodged with the Acting Registrar in Bankruptcy not later than the 8th day of August, 1908:—Re HENRY JAMES PERCY GLENIE (No. 17745), of Howell, Storekeeper; re DOUGLAS BULMAN (No. 17809), of Lower Botany, Clerk; re ALBERT BUZACOTT (No. 17814), of Turramurra, Manufacturers' Agent. F. H. SALUSBURY, Acting Registrar in Bankruptcy. Mr. W. H. PALMER, Official Assignee.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—No. 40807.—In the Will and Codicil of JAMES ANDERSON, formerly of Yarran Vale, Darlington Point, but late of Albury, in the State of New South Wales, Grazier, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the first Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the nineteenth day of August, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise if the said Accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. And Notice is also hereby given that on the allowance of the said Accounts by the Court commission will be applied for on behalf of the said executors. Dated this twenty-third day of July, in the year one thousand nine hundred and eight. R. C. MONDAY (L.S.), Acting Registrar. FLEMING and HENDERSON, Proctors, Albury. By BRADLEY and SON, 60 Margaret-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of THOMAS WEBSTER, late of Telegraph Point, Wilson River, in the State of New South Wales, Farmer, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the accounts and plan of distribution in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the twenty-sixth day of August, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise if the said accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. And notice is also hereby given that on the allowance of the said accounts by the Court, commission will be applied for on behalf of the Executors. Dated this twenty-ninth day of July, in the year one thousand nine hundred and eight. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of WILLIAM BODYCOTT, late of Bemboka, in the State of New South Wales, Farmer, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before Thursday, the 27th day of August, 1908, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise if the said Accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. Dated this 30th day of July, 1908. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. H. M. BLOMFIELD, Proctor for Administrators, Carp-street, Bega. By his Agent, DAVID M. MYERS, 58 Hunter-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of MARY ANN CORNICK, late of Balmain, near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Widow, deceased, intestate.—PURSUANT to the Wills Probate and Administration Act, 1898, Notice is hereby given that every creditor or other person having any claim against the Estate of MARY ANN CORNICK, the abovenamed deceased, who died on or about the twenty-sixth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and eight, intestate, and administration of whose Estate was, on the first day of June, one thousand nine hundred and eight, granted by the Supreme Court of New South Wales to WILLIAM CORNICK, of 25 Mansfield-street, Balmain aforesaid, the eldest son of the said deceased, is hereby required to send in particulars in writing of such claim to the said William Cornick, or to the undersigned, HENRY SALWEY, Proctor, on or before the tenth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and eight, at the expiration of which time the said William Cornick will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard to the debts and claims only of which he shall then have had notice, and the said William Cornick will not be liable for the assets so distributed to any person of whose debt or claim he shall not have had notice at the time of such distribution. Dated this thirtieth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and eight. HENRY SALWEY, 60 Castlereagh-street, Sydney, Proctor for the Administrator.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of DANIEL O'BRIEN, the Elder, late of Cumnock, in the State of New South Wales, Retired Farmer, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to DANIEL O'BRIEN, of Towen, near Cumnock aforesaid, Farmer, and JAMES NUGENT, of Cumnock, Blacksmith, the Nephews of the said deceased; and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned; and all persons having any claims against the Estate of the said deceased are required to send in particulars thereof to the undersigned within fourteen days from the date hereof; and also take notice that application will be made to have Bond dispensed with herein. Dated this twenty-ninth day of July, A.D. 1908. W. P. KELLY, Proctor for Applicants, Wellington. By COLLINS and MULHOLLAND, his Agents, 81 Elizabeth-street, Sydney.

COOK! I say, why not order "Pineapple" Bacon, and I'll not complain again? That's guaranteed.
JOE GARDINER is clearing Boots and Shoes at Prices that appeal to all Ladies. Attend the Sale.

LEGAL NOTICES.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will and Codicil of JAMES O'BRIEN, late of Wellington, in the State of New South Wales, Retired Farmer, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will and Codicil of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to DANIEL O'BRIEN, of Towen, near Cumnock, in the said State, Farmer, a son of the said deceased, the sole Executor named in the said Will; and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned; and all persons having any claims against the Estate of the said deceased are required to send in particulars thereof to the undersigned within fourteen days from the date hereof. Dated this twenty-ninth day of July, A.D. 1908. W. P. KELLY, Proctor for Executor, Wellington. By COLLINS and MULHOLLAND, his Agents, 81 Elizabeth-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of FRANCES KATHERINE CAREW-HUNT, late of Calpe, Victoria-road, Fleet, in the county of Hants, England, Widow, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to GUSTAV HUGO LEIBIUS, the Attorney for CYRIL OWEN CAREW-HUNT and ARTHUR LIONEL CAREW-HUNT, the Executors of the Will of the said deceased, and all notices may be served at the offices of the undersigned, to whom any person having any claim against the said Estate is requested to send particulars thereof within fourteen days from the date of the publication of this notice. LEIBIUS and BLACK (late JOHN DAWSON and SON), Proctors for the Applicant, 164 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of the Reverend JOSEPH COPELAND, late of Granville, near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Retired Missionary, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will and Testament of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JOSEPHINE DAVIDSON CLARK and ALEXANDER COPELAND, the Executrix and Executor therein named. All notices may be served at the office of the undersigned. DALRYMPLE and BLAIN, Proctors for Applicants, National Mutual-chambers, Pitt and Bond streets, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JAMES WEBBER SQUIRE, late of Enfield, in the State of New South Wales, Gentleman, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to MATILDA SQUIRE, the Executrix named in the said Will. All creditors are required to send in their claims to the undersigned within fourteen days; and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned. AITKEN and AITKEN, Proctors for the Applicant, 44 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of CATHERINE BAYLEY DAVIDSON, late of Merlin-street, North Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Married Woman, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to ROBERT DAVIDSON, of North Sydney aforesaid, Produce Merchant, the sole Executor named in the said Will; and all notices and claims may be served at the office of the undersigned. ALBERT HENRY GRACE, Proctor for the Executor, 58 Walker-street, North Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of GEORGE JAMES CHANT, late of Jellore, near Mittagong, in the State of New South Wales, Farmer, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to GEORGE CHANT and ROBERT CHANT, the Executors named in the said Will; and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned, to whom all creditors are required to send particulars of their claims within the time mentioned. GALE and PAINE, Solicitors for Executors, Moss Vale.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JOHN LOGAN, late of Myrtle-street, Darlington, in the State of New South Wales, Carter, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will may be granted to JANE ANNE LOGAN, the Executrix named in the said Will, and all notices may be served at FREDK. GANNON and SONS, Proctors for the Applicant, 77 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

TAKE NOTICE that I, CHARLES WOSTENHOLM RUNDLE, residing for the past two years at 14 Wylde-street, Potts Point, the Golf Club, Rose Bay, and 10 Bligh-street, Sydney, and lately serving under Articles of Clerkship to Edward George Dawes, of 28 Castlereagh-street, Sydney, and lately serving as Clerk to Messrs. Wilkinson and Osborne, Solicitors, do intend to apply on the last day of the present Term to be admitted an Attorney, Solicitor, and Proctor of this Honourable Court. Dated this twenty-ninth day of July, 1908. CHARLES W. RUNDLE.

PHENOMENAL Price-cutting in Boots and Shoes at Joe Gardiner's Great Red Pencil Sale, Oxford-st.

LOST AND FOUND.

LEFT in 5.15 Coogee tram, Wednesday, Parcel Tools and Metal. Return 47 Hunter-st. Reward.
LOST, Pair Gold-rimmed SPECTACLES. Bellamy's, King-st. Reward, 7s 6d.
LOST, G. Bangle, bet. Lav. Bay and Central Railway, keepsake; rew. Brisbane House, Lavender-st, N.S.
LOST, a young Sheep Dog, in Crown-st, nr. Cleveland-st, Surry H.; reward. 32 Marriott-st, Redfern.
LOST, North Sh. ferry or Circ. Quay, Pocket Diary, Melb. rly. tkt. in; rew. E. Rowlands, Darl. Harb.
LOST, Lady's Navy Blue Hat, green rim; reward. Apply Chelsea, 29 Harrington-st, Enmore.
LOST, Irish TERRIER (female), answers name Shiela. Good reward. 106 Buckland-st, Alexandria.
LOST, the Morning Headache, now that I stick to DICKENS' WHISKY.
LOST, Chow Chow PUPPY, half-grown, female. Reward on returning to G. M'MASTER, Oranui, Etham-avenue, Darling Point.
LOST, FUR BOA, Thursday, between 2 and 4 p.m., either in Leichhardt tram or between Regent-street and Homoeopathic Hospital, Cleveland-street. Good Reward. Apply Homoeopathic Hospital.
LOST, yesterday morning, between King-street and King's Cross, top William-st, or in William-street tram, Pair of Gold-mounted PINCE-NEZ, in case. Reward. Room 244, Hotel Metropole.
ONE POUND REWARD.—Gold Chain Bangle, medal attached. Masters, Tramway-st, North Botany.
P.D. CORSETS are known for the exclusive character of their Shape and Style.
REWARD.—Dropped, Parasol, from tram, front stn., Thurs. evg.; Ret. 82 Liverpool-st, Paddington.
STRAYED from The Grange, Holden-st, Ashfield, Skye Terrier Pup (black). Reward, ret. above address.
STRAYED, Bay Draught Gelding, white face, white hind leg. Reward. 50 Annandale-st, Annandale.
STRAYED, 30th, 96 Surrey-st, Darlinghurst, Skye Terrier, female, light head and legs, body dk. Rwd.
STOLEN or Strayed, BLACK RETRIEVER DOG, name on collar, detainer prosecuted, £2 reward, if stolen, on conviction. 19 Beaumont-street, Waterloo.
WOULD Gent. ret. to prop. Australian Hotel, cr. Abercrombie and Geo. sts, Bronze Figure; rwd.
BLACK Collie Dog, Found, Musgrave-st, Wednesday. Apply Lauriston, Musgrave-st, Mosman.
FOUND, Thursday, 23rd inst., Paddington, Gold BANGLE. G. Small, 12 Ormond-st, Paddington.
RANDWICK POUND.—Roan Cow, MH off rump; Strawberry Cow, MD off rump; Red and White Cow, LD off rump; Blue Roan and White Cow, E2 off rump; Red Cow, X off rump; Brindle Cow, blotch off O over T near rump; 2 Yell. and Wh. Cows, 2 Red and Wh. Cows, one White Cow, all unbranded.
STRAYED in yard, large Black DOG, cross collie and cattle. Points, P.O., Mosman.

MISCELLANEOUS.

MR. ALEXANDER COLE, Clairvoyant, can be consulted at his Rooms, 88 Bathurst-street. Hours of attendance, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesdays excepted. Saturdays, 10 a.m. to noon only.
MADAME ADELL, the most reliable and true Clairvoyante, daily, 10 to 10. 463 Bourke-st, Surry H.
MADAM DUNLOP, Clairvoyant.—Truth only. 103 Liverpool-st, Hyde P. Late London, N.Z., and Tas.
MRS. SCALES, Clairvoyante, daily, Public Circles, nightly. 336 Victoria-st, back St. John's, D'hurst.
MADAME BELLE, Clairvoyante, may be consulted daily, 11-5, Queen's H., 305 Pitt-st. Seance to-d., 3.
MADAME BELL, Palmist, Room 12, First Floor, Imperial Arcade, Castlereagh-st end.
CARL ZENO, OCCULTOLOGIST.—Advice, Bus., all matters. Interv., 293 Forbes-st, Dhst., off Oxf.-st.
MADAME ZANZI, Great Clairvoyante, Palmist; clients amazed, all matters; 10-9. 31 Glebe-rd.
MADAM LE MAINE, Gifted Clairvoyant.—Interws. dly., ev. even. 12 Cleveland-st, off Newtown-rd.
SPIRITUALISM.—Madam Perry, Special, To-night; Sunday, 7.30. 212A Cleveland-st, city.

WANTED, kind Motherly Person, care infant baby girl. Apply C. H., Elizabeth-st P.O., S. Hills.
KIND Person would Adopt Child, any age, open 3 days. Lea, Post-office, North Parramatta.
WIDOW LADY would like the Care of Child, walking, or 4 to 8 years, for company. Open today. Apply by letter. L. R., Herald Office.
WANTED, kind person Adopt or Care Child, from birth, urgent. Anxious, P.O., Glebe.



AUCTION SALES.

INGLIS'S BAZAAR, THIS DAY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 10.30 sharp, Vans, Springcarts, Horses, and Harness; Draught Horses, Tipcarts, Horses, and Harness; and at 11 a.m., Horses and Vehicles of every description, specially advertised. Tel., 1331.

SULKY TURNOUT AND S. AND H. PONY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock, Brown Pony Gelding, 14 hands, quiet in saddle and harness; Bentshaft Sulky and Harness, in good order; also Bay Pony Gelding, 14.2, broken to saddle and harness, used to city traffic.

SAD. AND HAR. MARE BY SOUVENIR.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. A. Jones to sell by auction at their Bazaar THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock, Ches. Filly, 5 yrs., by Souvenir from an Arab mare, broken to sad. and har.

UPSTANDING VAN HORSE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock, Cream Gelding, thoroughly stanch.

HORSE PARADE. HORSE PARADE.

Entries for the above close THIS DAY (Friday), July 31st.

WILLIAM INGLIS AND SON, Auctioneers, 244 Pitt-street, Sydney.

CAMPERDOWN YARDS.

THIS DAY, 2.30 P.M.

J. H. BEALE has received instructions to sell by auction. Account Mr. J. STEEL, Canterbury. 4 Useful Harness Horses. Account Various Owners. 25 Horses, broken to saddle and harness, and including a few good, fresh sorts.

Auctioneer's Office, 137 Castlereagh-street.

HORSE PARADE AND FAIR.

HAWKESBURY D.A.A. WILL HOLD ITS STALLION PARADE AND FAIR on the Show Grounds, Clarendon, TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, AUGUST 1st.

J. E. JAMES will sell on the above grounds, at 12, on account various owners,—
40 head of superior Heavy Draught Stallions.
Active Draught Stallions.
Blood Stallions.
Trotting Stallions.
Hackneys and Ponies.
Heavy Draught Mares and Fillies.
Also a number of Saddle and Harness Horses.

FULL PEDIGREES AT SALE.

The Auctioneer can recommend State and interstate Buyers to attend this SALE PARADE, as he will offer some of the best Draught Stallions and Fillies in the State. Further comment is unnecessary, as the Hawkesbury Horses are known to be the best in the State. This Sale bids fair to be a great success, as there will be a very large Catalogue to select from.

BLACKTOWN CATTLE SALE.

200 HEAD 200.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, 11.30 A.M.

A. McILLREE and CO. will sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, at their BLACKTOWN YARDS, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at 11.30 a.m., 200 HEAD DAIRY AND STORE CATTLE. Train leaves Sydney 10.15 a.m. Frequent return service. Reliable Drovers in attendance. A. McILLREE and CO., Stock and Property Salesmen, 56 Hunter-street, Sydney.

THE SYDNEY PRODUCE SELLING BROKERS will offer Catalogues TO-DAY, at the Wool Exchange, Macquarie-place, as under: SHEEPSKINS, at 10.30 a.m.; HIDES, at 1.30 p.m.

GEO. H. MOXHAM and CO. sell by Auc., This Day, at Wool Exch., Sheepskins, 10.30; Hides, 1.30 p.m.

WEEKLY PRODUCE SALE.

MOSSMAN and ELLIS will sell by auction, at their Railway Produce Saleyards, Quay-street, off George-street South, THIS DAY, at 1 p.m., Fat Vealers, Porkers, Baconers, Suckers, Carcase Pork and Veal, Butter, Cheese, Bacon, Eggs, Honey, Beeswax, Lard, Fruit, a large quantity of Poultry of every description, Pigeons, Birds, Game, etc. 3 Tons Pure Extracted Honey (choice Western). 1 Ton Choice Farm-fed Bacon.

R. F. MURPHY AND CO. will sell by auction at THEIR SALE ROOMS AND YARDS, Thomas-street, Haymarket, THIS DAY, Sucking Pigs and Carcase Pork, 1 p.m. sharp. Eggs, Butter, Bacon, etc., 2 p.m. Poultry, etc., 2.30 p.m.

C. J. TURNER sells at his Rooms, Valentine-street, Haymarket, THIS DAY, as under:— 1.15, Ducklings, Chicks, Birds, etc. 1.30, Eggs, then Poultry.

THE word Bargain is not used FLIPPANTLY at Joe Gardiner's Great Red Pencil Sale. Remember that!

ROSEBERY RACES THIS DAY, FRIDAY. FIRST RACE 2.10 P.M.

AUCTION SALES.

UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION, AT THE SALE ROOMS OF JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE, 128, 130 PITT-STREET, NEAR KING-STREET, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, 31st JULY, AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

HIGHLY SUPERIOR FURNITURE and HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS, removed from a Residence at Glebe Point, and on accounts of Various Interests, including: ROYAL AXMINISTER, WILTON PILE, AND BRUSSELS CARPETS.

MASSIVE DINING-ROOM FURNITURE, consisting of LARGE SOLID WALNUT SEVEN FEET SIDEBOARD, exceptionally constructed, and fitted with every convenience. ENGLISH OAK DINING-ROOM FURNITURE. HANDSOME OVERMANTELS.

SEVERAL HALL STANDS.

SEA-GRASS LOUNGE CHAIRS. OCCASIONAL TABLES AND CHAIRS.

VALUABLE PICTURES, COSTLY ORNAMENTS.

ORIGINAL STUDIES AND SKETCHES. Formerly the Property of a well-known London Connoisseur, including Water-colour Preliminaries by Thomas Creswick, R.A., J. M. W. Turner, R.A., and George Barrett, sen., Red Crayon Drawing by R. Westall, R.A., Charcoal Drawing by Henrietta Ronner and C. Beissy, Paris, Original Paintings, Etchings, direct from nature by J. M'Neil Whistler, Seymour Haden, R. M'Beath, R.A., Alphonso Legros, William Strang, R.A., and other Eminent Etchers, Silver-point Drawings by A. Cordonnier and A. Maric, Paris.

TWELVE PIANOFORTES, HIGH-GRADE INSTRUMENTS BY THE FIRST MAKERS, including Julius Feurich, Kap., Horace Brinsmead, Julius Pfaffe, Victor, Haake, Selinke and Spangnagel, Rosener, Hapsburg, Wessely, Challin and Son, and others.

SOLID WALNUT DOUBLE BEDROOM SUITE. BEDROOM SUITE IN TEAK WOOD. CHIPPENDALE BEDROOM SUITES. GENUINE SHERATON HANGING WARDROBE, finely inlaid, and fitted with drawers to under part. SHERATON INLAID CHEST DRAWERS. DOUBLE and SINGLE BEDSTEADS and BEDDING.

A SMALL QUANTITY JAPANESE DRAWN THREAD-WORK, including Bed Spreads, Table and Sideboard Runners, and Serviettes.

COSTLY EMBROIDERED JAPANESE FOUR-FOLD SCREEN. Several Japanese Fire Screens, and A LARGE AND VARIED ASSORTMENT of USEFUL FURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS. Also AN INVOICE OF MANUFACTURER'S SAMPLES of BOHEMIAN GLASS ORNAMENTS.

LARGE CENTRE SHOWCASE.

BARLOCK TYPEWRITER.

SEVERAL OXYDISED SILVER PHOTO. FRAMES.

FIELD AND OPERA GLASSES. TWO D.B.B.L. GUNS, by Braendlin.

AVIARY AND 14 BIRDS.

AT TWELVE O'CLOCK NOON PROMPT. 10½ CARAT DIAMOND. IN A DECEASED ESTATE. Etc., etc., etc.

ON VIEW THIS DAY, THURSDAY.

JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE, FURNITURE AND GENERAL AUCTIONEERS, 128-130 PITT-STREET, NEAR KING-STREET.

TELEPHONE, NO. 2053.

BUILDING MATERIALS. BUILDING MATERIALS. Demolition of Shop Property, situated QUEEN-STREET, WOOLLAHRA. WILL BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION TO-DAY, FRIDAY, at 11 a.m., comprising— 500 SHEETS GALV. IRON, 6ft to 10ft lengths. 2000 SLATES, H.W. JOISTS and RAFTERS. H. GLASS and PANEL DOORS, PARTITION BOARDS. Box Frames, Sashes, Lining Boards, Grates, and Mantels. Chimney Pots, Shop Fronts, and lot SUNDRIES.

A. BARNETT AND PUGH have been instructed to sell every line. WITHOUT RESERVE. TERMS CASH. Speculative Builders, Dealers, and others are invited to attend this sale—all useful lines.

PINEAPPLE Bacon, I have just again been assured, Rivals the best that even England has cured.

ROSEBERY RACES THIS DAY, FRIDAY. FIRST RACE 2.10 P.M.

BIG Sums saved in Footwear at Joe Gardiner's Great Red Pencil Sale, Oxford-st and George-st, only.

AUCTION SALES.

INTENDING BUYERS at Mr. GEOFFREY P. BROWN'S SALE, at 63 DOWLING-STREET, REDFERN, THIS MORNING, are hereby notified that the Residence is facing the Park, and a little south of Cleveland-street, between Thurlow and Maddison streets. Buyers from Cityward will find tram to Moore Park, via Flinders-street, convenient. Buyers from Western Suburbs will find tram from station, via Cleveland-street, very handy to sale. Buyers from Randwick way alight at Zoo corner and walk across the hill to house, 3 minutes.

THE LIPP PIANO and GENERAL FURNISHINGS, including SUITES, Paragon Gas Stove, Drophead Singer Machine, and Everything, will be on view from 9.30 a.m., so that there may be ample opportunity of critical inspection prior to sale at 11 a.m. sharp. Catalogues at the residence. Buyers not known to us will kindly pay Deposits on purchases, and balance at conclusion of Sale. If weather fine we shall be pleased to give delivery every Lot directly after Sale this afternoon.

STRONGMAN, WATSON, and HAWKINS, Furniture, Art, and Gen. Auctioneers. Telephone, Two Double O, Burwood.

TO DIAMOND BUYERS, JEWELLERS, PRIVATE PURCHASERS, DEALERS, and OTHERS.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK.

AT THE AUCTION ROOMS, 247A PITT-STREET. VALUABLE DIAMOND JEWELLERY, STERLING SILVER, ELECTROPLATED WARE. In a Personal Estate.

VERY FINE 13-STONE DIAMOND BRACELET. 5 and 3 STONE DIAMOND HALF-HOOP RINGS. DIAMOND and STONE HALF-HOOP RINGS. DIAMOND MARQUISE RING. 2 HANDSOME DIAMOND STAR PENDANTS or HAIR ORNAMENTS. VALUABLE DIAMOND HAIR SLIDE. DIAMOND BROOCHES and EARRINGS. DIAMOND and STONE HORSESHOE and HALF-CRESCENT BROOCHES, Diamond Bracelets and Trinkets. Ladies' Gold Alberts and Muff Chains. STERLING SILVER FORKS and SPOONS. SILVER TABLEWARE. ELKINGTON'S and MAPPIN and WEBB'S PLATED-WARE, etc., etc. Also, a very rare and valuable collection of SHELLS.

JOHN P. LISTER has received instructions to sell by auction, at his Rooms, 247A PITT-STREET, THIS DAY, at 11 O'CLOCK, as above, WITHOUT THE SLIGHTEST RESERVE. TERMS, CASH. ON VIEW THIS DAY, from 9.30 to 11.

THIS DAY.

JOHN P. LISTER will sell by auction at his Rooms, 247A PITT-STREET, The Unredeemed Pledges pawned with Mr. M. Goldstein, of 72 Beattie-street, Balmain.

At 11 o'clock, Clothing, consisting of Gentn.'s Dress and Walking Suits, Overcoats, Macintoshes, Boots, Shoes, Dresses, Bed and Table Linen, Blankets, etc. At 3.30, Sundries and Jewellery, comprising Singer's 7-drawer Sewing Machine, Wheeler and Wilson's Sewing Machine, Field and Opera Glasses, Gramophone, Cutlery, E. P. Ware, Jewellery of every description.

THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING, AT 11, AND ALL DAY.

At the HAYMARKET SALEROOMS, rear 772 GEO.-ST.

THE FURNISHINGS OF SEVERAL HOUSES, including Piano, Singer and other Sewing Machines, Drawing, Dining, and Bedroom Suites, Single and Double Chests Drs., Combinations. Toilet Pairs, Toiletware, Glass and China. 20 First-class Bedsteads, Wires, and Bedding, Stretchers, Cots complete. Exten. 6 x 3.6 Dining Table, 2 doz. A. Chairs. 2 Drophead Sewing Machines, 2 Singer Machines. 2 or 3 S.H. Carpets, Beautiful Carpet Squares and Rugs, Oilcloth, Linoleum, Blankets, Sheets, Quilts, etc. 8 good equal-to-new Mangles, 2 Gentn.'s Bikes, first-class Bobs Table and Cues. Hosts Sundries, Kit. Utensils.

E. HEBDEN BRODRIBB will sell WITHOUT RESERVE.

PADDINGTON.

THIS DAY, on the Premises, 13 Leichhardt-street, late Campbell-street, off Barcom-street, at 11 a.m.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE of a 6-roomed House (equal to new), comprising Dining Tables, E.P. Ware, Embossed Aus. Chairs, Pictures, 2 Dexter Rockers, Leather Couch, Linos., Curtains, Venetian Blind, Double, ¾, and Single Bedsteads, with Linen; very large Combination Chest, and other Chests; Marble-top Washstand, with swing mirror; Toilet Ware, Kitchen Dresser, lot Crockery, and Glassware, Walnut Clock, Kit. Safe, Saucepans, Enamelware, Kit. Table, and Sundries.

☞ This Lot should command the attention of Private Buyers, Dealers, and Others.

ALF. EDGAR has been instructed by Mrs. Ladon to sell the whole of the above, ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT THE SLIGHTEST RESERVE. TERMS, NET CASH. Auctioneer's Offices, 32 Oxford-street.

MISS Joe Gardiner's Red Pencil Sale, and you'll miss the season's great money-saving opportunity.

ROSEBERY RACES THIS DAY, FRIDAY. FIRST RACE 2.10 P.M.

AUCTION SALES.

THIS DAY.

ORDER OF SALE.

SHARES. CITY AND SUBURBAN PROPERTIES, to be SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, at 11.30 a.m., THIS DAY, FRIDAY.

SHARES.—Forfeited Shares, Gulf Mountain Tin-mining Company, No Liability.
CITY.—House, No. 27 Shepherd-street, off George-street West.
FOREST LODGE.—Two Cottages, Nos. 99 and 101 Hereford-street, near Ross-street.
NEUTRAL BAY.—Cottage, Pitfairlie, Shadler-street, near Military-road. Leasehold.
GORDON.—Block, 4a 1r 6p, Mt. William-street, between Elizabeth-street and railway line. Trustees' Sale.
WARRAWEE.—Block, 19 acres, Fox Valley-road. Executors' Sale. Estate of Leck.
EPPING.—Block, 11 acres, Kent-road, at rear of Volmar's Branch Nursery. Trustees' Sale.
FLEMINGTON.—W.B. Cottage, Marlborough-road, between line and Parramatta-road.
NORTH BOTANY.—7ar. and 30p., and Cottage, Coward-street. Executors' Sale.
CANTERBURY.—Allotments, Park and Duke streets, Golden Park Estate. Mortgagees' Sale.
HURSTVILLE.—Allotments, Gloucester and Millet streets.
GUILDFORD.—Allotments, Constance and High streets, Farhe's Subdivision.
CABRAMATTA.—Allotments, Cabramatta-road and Lime-street. Mortgagees' Sale.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES. 37 NORWOOD-STREET, PETERSHAM.

BRICK DWELLING, containing 7 Rooms, Hall, Kitchen, Laundry, and all modern conveniences.

LAND 63 x 120. TORRENS TITLE.

T. QUINN and COMPANY, Ltd., have received instructions from the Mortgagees to sell by auction at their Rooms, 78A Pitt-street, Sydney, on WEDNESDAY, August 5th, at 11.30 a.m.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES. Sheriff's Office, Sydney, 29th July, 1908.

J. T. RALSTON v WHITTELL, H. R.

On SATURDAY, the FIRST DAY OF AUGUST, 1908, at noon, unless the Writ of Fieri Facias herein be previously satisfied, the Sheriff will cause to be sold by Public Auction, at the Courthouse, Gosford, all the Right, Title, and Interest (if any) of HENRY RAWES WHITTELL, the Defendant herein, of, in, and to all that non-residential Conditional Purchase, containing 136 Acres, situate near Ourimbah, in the Parish of Tuggarah, and County of Northumberland, selected by the said H. R. Whittell at the Lands Office, Gosford, on the 7th February, 1907, confirmed 30th April, 1907, being Portion No. 114 and C.P. 07.14. Terms Cash. C. E. B. MAYBURY, Sheriff.

J. E. V. NOTT, Plaintiff's Attorney, 118 Pitt-street, Sydney.

THIS DAY, at 2 o'clock, at 170 GEORGE-ST WEST, near Shepherd-st.—MIDDLETON and CO. sell by Auction, 500 Lots New and Second-hand Clothing. Silk and other Dresses, Blouses, Shirts, Skirts, Boots, Blankets, Sheets, Men's and Children's Clothing. NO RESERVE.

THIS DAY, JULY 31st, at 11 a.m., on the Premises, ROWE-STREET, CITY, UNDER IMPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS. OFFICE FURNITURE AND SUNDRIES. A. G. JENKINS will sell as above, THIS MORNING.

IMPORTANT UNRESERVED CLEARANCE AUCTION SALE.

THIS DAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK.

BY ORDER OF THE RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS.

JAMES COWAN will sell a large and assorted stock of obsolete Stores, at the Stores Dept., Eveleigh, comprising— ELECTRICAL APPURTENANCES, BOLTS and NUTS, PLATES, ANGLES, and TEE IRON. RAILWAY CARRIAGE and CAR FITTINGS. JOINERY WORK, COUNTERS. GAS AND PLUMBERS' FITTINGS. GLASS GLOBES, BRASS VALVES and COCKS, and SUNDRIES.

TERMS, CASH.

IT'S PINEAPPLE BACON here, it's Pineapple there, It's Pineapple Bacon, here, there, and everywhere.

A NICK-IN-THE-TIME Sale of Boots and Shoes at Joe Gardiner's Boot Stores, Oxford-st and Geo.-st.

ROSEBERY RACES THIS DAY, FRIDAY. FIRST RACE 2.10 P.M.

POULTRY, DOGS, ETC.

NOTICE.—TO SUBURBAN AND COUNTRY POULTRY KEEPERS. I am a CASH BUYER of all kinds of POULTRY. Ring me up, or drop me a line, and I will send a cart to collect, with the cash. GREEN, 241 Glebe-road. 'Phone, 412 G.

TWO Orpington Roosters, 1 Hen, pure bred, young, cheap. 33 Park-rd, St. Peters.

CANARIES, Norwich crested, Yorkshire, etc. Anderson, Albert-st, near Newington-rd, Petersham.

WANTED to Sell, 2 Hens and Rooster, thoroughbred Wyandottes, 180 Forbes-st, 2 doors below Will.-st.

BIG Sums saved in Footwear at Joe Gardiner's Great Red Pencil Sale, Oxford-st and George-st only.

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THE WILD GEESE.

BY STANLEY J. WEYMAN.

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CHAPTER IV.

"STOP, THIEF."

A candid Englishman must own, and owning deplore the fact, that Flavia McMurrough's tears were due to the wrongs of her country. Broken by three great wars, waged by three successive generations, defeated in the last of three desperate struggles for liberty, Ireland at this period lay like a woman swooning at the feet of her captors. Nor were those minded that she should rise again quickly, or in her natural force. The mastery which they had won by the sword they were resolved to keep by the law.

They were determined that the Irishman of the old faith should cease to exist; or if he endured, should be nemo, no one. Confined to hell or Connaught, he must not even there possess the ordinary rights. He must not will his own lands or buy new lands. If his son, more sensible than he, "went over," the father sank into a mere life-tenant, bound to furnish a handsome allowance, and to leave all to the Protestant heir. He might not marry a Protestant, he might not keep a school, nor follow the liberal professions. The priest who confessed him was banished if known, and hanged if he returned. In a country of sportsmen he might not own a fowling-piece, nor a horse worth more than five pounds; and in days when every gentleman carried a sword at his side, he must not wear one. Finally, his country grew but one article of great value—wool; and that he must not make into cloth, but he must sell it to England at England's price—which was one-fifth of the Continental price. Was it wonderful that such, being Ireland's status, every Roman Catholic of spirit sought fortune abroad? That the wild geese, as they were called, went and came unchecked? Or that every inlet in Galway, Clare, and Kerry swarmed with smugglers, who ran in under the green flag with brandy and claret, and, running out again with wool, laughed to scorn England's boast that she ruled the waves.

Nor was it surprising that, spent and helpless as the land lay, some sanguine spirits still clung to visions of a change and of revenge. A few men, living in the vague remoteness beyond the bridling Shannon and its long string of lakes, or on the western shore where the long rollers broke and French and Spanish were spoken more freely than English, still hoped for the impossible. Passing their lives far from the Castle and the Four Courts, far even from the provincial capitals, they shut their eyes to facts and dreamed of triumph. The Sullivans of Morristown and Skull were of these; so were some of their neighbours. And Flavia, as she looked from her window a day or two after the Colonel's arrival, as she sniffed the peat reek and plumbed the soft distances beyond the lake, was lost in such a dream; until her eyes fell on a man seated cross-legged under a tree between herself and the shore. And she frowned. The man sorted ill with her dream.

It was Bale, Colonel John's servant. He was mending some article taken from his master's wardrobe. His elbow went busily to and fro as he plied the needle, while sprawling on the sod about him half a dozen gossoons watched him inquisitively.

Perhaps it was the suggestive contrast between his diligence and their idleness which irritated Flavia; but she set down her annoyance to another cause. The man was an Englishman, and therefore an enemy; and what did he there? Had the Colonel left him on guard?

Flavia's heart swelled at the thought. Here, at least, she and hers were masters. Here, three hours west of Tralee—and God help the horse that was not a "lepper"—they brooked no rival. Colonel John had awakened mixed feelings in her. At times she admired him. But, admirable or not, he should rue his insolence, if he had it in his mind to push his authority, or interfere with her plans.

In the meantime she stood watching John Bale, and a desire to know more of the man, and through him of the master, rose within her. The house was quiet. The McMurrough and his following had gone to a cocking-match and race-meeting at Joyce's Corner. She went down the stairs, took her hood, and crossed the courtyard. Bale did not look up, but he saw her out of the corner of his eye, and when she paused before him he laid down his work, and made as if he would rise.

She looked at him with a superciliousness not natural to her. "Are all the men tailors where you come from?" she asked. "There, you need not rise."

"Where I came from last," he replied, "we were all trades, my lady."

"Where was that?"

"In the camp," he answered.

"In Sweden?"

"God knows," he answered. "They raise no landmarks there, between country and country, or it might be all their work to move them."

For a moment she was silent, then: "Have you been a soldier long?" she asked, feeling herself rebuffed.

"Twenty-one years, my lady."

"And now you have done with it?"

"It is as his honour pleases."

She frowned. He had a way of speaking that sounded uncivil to ears attuned to the soft Irish accent and the wheedling tone. Yet the man interested her, and after a moment's silence she fixed her eyes more intently on his work. "Did you lose your fingers in battle?" she asked. His right hand was maimed.

"No," he answered—grudgingly, as he seemed to answer all her questions—"in prison."

"In prison?" she repeated; "where?"

He cast an upward look at his questioner. "In the Grand Turk's land," he said. "Nearer than that, I can't say. I'm no scholar, my lady."

"But why?" she asked puzzled. "I don't understand."

"Cut off," he said, stooping over his work. Flavia turned a shade paler. "Why?" she repeated.

"'One God, and Mahomet his prophet'—couldn't swallow it. One finger!" the man answered jerkily. "Next week—same. Third week——"

"Third week?" she murmured, shuddering.

"Exchanged."

She lifted her eyes with an effort from his maimed hand. "How many were you?" she inquired.

"Thirty-four." He laughed drily. "We know one another when we meet." He drew his waxed thread between his finger and thumb, held it up to the light, then looked askance at the gossoons about him, to whom what he said was gibberish. They knew only Erse.

The day was still, the mist lay on the lake, and under it the water gleamed, a smooth pale mirror. Flavia had seen it so a hundred times, and thought naught of it. But to-day, moved by what she had heard, the prospect spoke of a remoteness from the moving world which depressed her. Hitherto the quick pulse and the energy of youth had left her no time for melancholy, and not much for thought. If at rare intervals she had felt herself lonely, if she had been tempted to think that the brother in whom were centred her hopes, her affections, and her family pride was hard and selfish, rude and overbearing, she had told herself that all men were so; that all men rode rough-shod over their women. And that being so, who had a better right to hector it than the last of the McMurroughs, heir of the Wicklow kings, who in days far past had dealt on equal terms with Richard Plantagenet, and to whom, by virtue of that never-forgotten kingship, the Sullivans and Mahonies, some of the McCarthys, and all the O'Beirnes, paid rude homage? With such feelings Sir Michael's strange whim of disinheriting the heir of his race had but drawn her closer to her brother. To her loyalty the act was abhorrent, was unnatural, was one that could only have sprung, she was certain, from second childhood, the dotage of a man close on ninety, whose early years had been steeped in trouble, and who loved her so much that he was ready to do wrong for her sake.

Often she differed from her brother. But he was a man, she told herself; and he must be right. A man's life could not be ruled by the laws which a woman observed. And for the rest, for herself, if her life seemed solitary she had the free air and the mountains; she had her dear land; above all, she had her dreams. Perhaps when these were realised—and the time seemed very near now—and a new Ireland created, to her too a brighter world would open.

She had forgotten Bale's presence, and was only recalled to every-day life by the sound of voices. Four men were approaching the house. Uncle Ulick, Colonel John, and the French skipper were three of these; at the sight of the fourth Flavia's face fell. Luke Asgill of Batterstown was the nearest Justice, and of necessity a Protestant. But it was not this fact, nor the certainty that Augustin was pouring his wrongs into his ears, that affected Flavia. Asgill was distasteful to her, because her brother affected him. Why should her brother have relations with a Protestant? Why should he, a man of the oldest blood, stoop to intimacy with the son of a "middleman," the son of one of those who, taking a long lease of a great estate and under-letting at rack rents, made at this period huge fortunes? Finally, if he must have relations with him, why did he not keep him at a distance from his home?

It was too late, or she would have slipped away. Not that Asgill—he was a stout, smug, civil-spoken man of thirty-three or four—wore a threatening face. On the contrary, he listened to the Frenchman's complaint with a droll air of amusement; and if he had not known of the matter before, his smile betrayed him. He greeted Flavia with an excess of politeness which she could have spared; and while Uncle Ulick and Colonel John looked perturbed and ill at ease, he jested on the matter.

"The whole cargo?" he said, with one eye on the Frenchman and one on his companions. "You don't say so, sir?"

"All the tubs," Augustin answered in a passion of earnestness. "What you call, every tub! Every tub!"

"The saints be between us and harm!" Asgill responded. "Are you hearing this, Miss Flavia? It's no less than felony that you're accused of, and I'm thinking, by rights, I must arrest you and carry you to Batterstown."

"I do not understand," she answered stiffly. "And The McMurrough is not at home."

"Gone out of the way, eh?" Asgill replied with a deprecatory grin. "And the whole cargo was it, captain."

"All the tubs, perfectly!"

"You'd paid your dues, of course?"

"Dues, mon Dieu! But they take the goods!"

"Had you paid your dues?"

"Not already, because——"

"That's unfortunate," Asgill answered in a tone of mock condolence. "Mighty unfortunate!" He winked at Uncle Ulick. "Port dues, you know, captain, must be paid before the ship slips her moorings."

"But——"

"Mighty unfortunate!"

"But what are the dues?" poor Augustin cried, dimly aware that he was being baited.

"Ah, you're talking now," the magistrate answered glibly. "Unluckily, that's not in my province. I'm made aware that the goods are held under lien for dues, and I can do nothing. However, upon payment, of course——"

"But how much? Eh, sir? How much? How much?"

(To be continued).

CITY BUTCHERS' SHOPS.

NEW REGULATIONS.

At the meeting of the health and bylaws committee on Wednesday, Dr. W. G. Armstrong submitted the following report:—I have the honour to submit herewith a number of draft bylaws for the regulation of butchers' shops and the sale of meat within the city, which I recommend to the favourable consideration of the council for adoption.

They embody some regulations which were adopted by the council in the year 1906, but were disallowed by the Attorney-General as being unreasonable. Since that time, the regulations referred to have been adopted with others by the Local Government department as ordinances under the Local Government Act, and now have the force of law in any municipality outside the city which may choose to adopt them.

The bylaws in question all aim at improving the cleanliness and sanitary conditions of places in which meat is sold.

In furtherance of this subject, I also beg to suggest that in any new legislation which may be sought in the direction of amendment of the City of Sydney Corporation Act powers be asked for to enable the council to enforce registration of butchers' shops and restaurants, and to charge a fee for the registration of milk vendors and dairies.

Under present conditions, the City Council has less power in these and some other directions than any suburban municipality. The bylaws were as follow :—

The internal walls of every butcher's shop shall be covered with white or coloured tiles.

Every part of the shop front of every butcher's shop which is not enclosed with glass shall be enclosed with wire gauze, of such mesh as to exclude flies. Any door in such front shall be kept constantly closed, save when in use for ingress or egress.

The occupier of any butcher's shop having any external opening shall, within one month of service of notice upon him, signed by the Town Clerk, requiring him so to do, cause all such openings to be completely covered with wire gauze, so as to prevent as far as possible access of flies and dust to meat exposed within such shop, and shall at all times cause every external door to such shop to be kept closed, save when in use for the purpose of ingress thereto and exit therefrom.

Meat shall not be exposed in, or in connection with, any butcher's shop, so that it is either wholly or in part outside the walls of the shop, or the gauze which encloses the shop front.

Every butcher's shop shall be freely open to ventilation and to currents of air. Within one month of service upon him of a notice, signed by the Town Clerk, requiring him so to do, the owner shall make such further provision for free ventilation as may be directed in such notice.

No shop shall be used as, or be in direct communication with, any sleeping chamber, nor be used in any part as a living room, nor contain nor be in direct communication with any privy, urinal, or stable.

Refuse and dirt shall be completely removed from walls, floors, furniture, and utensils of or in every butcher's shop daily, at least, and all the internal surfaces of every butcher's shop shall at all times be kept clean, and free from offence.

Refuse and dirt removed from any shop or otherwise arising on any butcher's premises shall be forthwith conveyed to and kept in vessels securely covered with a lid and protected against access of flies. Such vessels shall be kept outside the shop, at least 15ft away from any window or other opening which communicates or may be put into communication with the interior of the shop.

Refuse and dirt shall be removed daily from butcher's shop premises, and no putrid or stinking matter shall at any time be upon such premises. After the vessels used for storage of refuse and dirt have been emptied in course of removal of their contents from the premises they shall be thoroughly cleansed, and they shall at all times be maintained as cleanly as possible, and in good repair.

All persons who are engaged in the wholesale or retail sale or storage or delivery of meat, whether in any shop or not, shall at all times, when they are so employed, wear overalls and aprons, which shall be made of some washable material, which shall completely cover their clothes. Such overalls and aprons shall at all times be kept thoroughly clean.

All persons engaged in the transport and delivery of carcase meat to butchers' shops or elsewhere shall at all times when they are so employed wear caps, which shall be constantly covered with a detachable covering, made of some washable material, and they shall wear overalls made of some washable material, which shall completely cover their clothes; such covering and overalls shall be kept thoroughly clean.

No person shall smoke or spit in any shop.

Every butcher shall exhibit conspicuously in his shop a notice, printed in large type, to the following effect:—"Smoking or spitting in this shop is an offence against the law."

No person who is suffering from an infectious or eruptive disease, or any festering wound or sore, gathering, or discharging abscess, or from consumption, bronchitis, or any chronic cough, or from any offensive ailment, shall serve in, or in connection with, any shop or butcher's cutting cart, or meat delivery cart, or carcase van, or deliver any meat.

Every vehicle or basket used for the transport of any meat shall be kept constantly clean, and in good repair. Every such vehicle shall be thoroughly scraped and washed, or otherwise cleansed, and if straw be used in it, furnished with clean straw, and every such basket shall be thoroughly cleansed at the conclusion of each day during which such vehicle or basket has been so used.

Every vehicle used for the transport of any meat shall be constructed or so covered as to prevent access of flies and dust to the meat therein carried.

Every vehicle used for delivering meat to retail customers shall be so constructed with due regard to ventilation as to prevent access of flies and dust to the interior, and shall at all times be kept closed, save when in use for loading or unloading.

The bylaws were considered seriatim, and agreed to as submitted, and they were recommended to the council for adoption.

BUILDING STONES OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

We receive from Mr. R. T. Baker, Curator of the Technological Museum, a booklet on the "Building and Ornamental Stones of New South Wales" (Government Printer). An immediate word must be said about the colour reproductions of the marbles found in the State. We have never seen better work anywhere. The range of effects to be illustrated is very wide, from most brilliant colourations to faint low tones. The success is most remarkable, and reflects the greatest credit on the artist—the word is not misused. One who has not seen the marble itself has only to glance through these illustrations to be convinced that nowhere in the world are more delightful decorative marbles to be found, and it is extraordinary that they do not find wider application. That, of course, is only a question of time. The arrangement of the letterpress is clear and effective. Mr. Hogue writes the introduction. He reminds us that though our mineral industries have only scratched the surface, they have returned the State a total of more than £180,000,000. Quarrying for building stone began 120 years ago, yet marble quarrying is still in its infancy. But the booklet, intended for distribution at the Franco-British Exhibition, will prove the enormous possibilities that remain. Mr. Baker's matter serves its purpose excellently. He begins with the granites, which are found from dark-red to pale-pink, and in every variety of grey. The favourite trachyte is then noticed, and porphyry and basalt are passed in review. The marbles are referred to as "inexhaustible," though practically only surface stone has yet been touched. Among specially beautiful examples are the Borenore blue, the Nemingha red, the Fernbrook, with its bluish-white veins, and the faintly tinted Narrabri. The sandstones receive due notice. Incidentally, the best examples of Sydney architecture are illustrated with really capital result. The entire production reflects the greatest credit on the State.

Poets sing of the blue gum and wattle,
And the charm of Australian scenes,
But the tickling that comes in your throttle
Needs no poet to sing what it means;
It is Nature's own grave premonition
Of a cold coming on, to be sure,
And it needs no profound erudition
To advise Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.—Advt.

The Tramway Strike.—Ten pages of the current issue of the "Sydney Mail" are devoted to the strike. There are some excellent illustrations showing the huge crowd in the Domain on Sunday.—Scenes in the streets.—Riot at the Haymarket, and many others.—Advt.

Stock Exchange investors and speculators should never miss the notes in the "Sydney Mail" detailing the Stock and Share market. The advice and hints given in the letter are always well worth careful scrutiny.—Advt.

FARMERS' PARLIAMENT.

THIRD DAY.

LAND SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS.

The Farmers and Settlers' Conference continued their sittings at the Royal-chambers, Hunter-street, yesterday. The president, Mr. J. Perry, presided over a full attendance.

FRATERNAL GREETINGS.

When the conference met Mr. J. Perry stated that the Farmers' Conference sitting in New Zealand had just passed a resolution similar to that adopted by the New South Wales conference on the previous evening, demanding the right of converting home maintenance areas into freehold. It was decided to send the following telegram:—

"To Secretary, Farmers' Conference, Wellington, New Zealand,—

"New South Wales farmers in conference extend greetings, and have passed a resolution demanding the right of freehold for home maintenance areas, and wish you every success in securing your just rights from a reluctant Parliament."

In the afternoon a reply from New Zealand was received, as follows:—

"To president Farmers' Conference, Sydney: Thanks, gratifying cablegram. Our conference heartily reciprocate good wishes. We desire the Commonwealth Farmers a prosperous year, and congratulate them on their combination, the only way to secure rights which are in danger of attacks from all sides. Kia Ora. Jas. G. Wilson, president."

STATE RAILWAY POLICY.

Mr. Job Sheldon (Baan Baa) moved,—"That in the opinion of this conference of farmers and Settlers' Associations a drastic alteration in the State railway policy of New South Wales is required in the direction of charging all interest on capital invested in the construction of our railways to the general revenue (the Consolidated Revenue Fund), thereby compelling all persons to contribute to such interest charges proportionately to benefits received; charges for passengers, conveyance of live stock, produce, and general merchandise, minerals, etc., should be on a basis sufficient to cover expenses of maintenance of lines and rolling stock, and working expenses." He contended that the railways benefited all classes, and therefore all should share in paying the interest on the cost of construction. The new system would obviate any need on the part of the Railway Commissioners to make the service pay interest as well as upkeep. The men on the land would be relieved of a considerable burden by the reduction of freights. If the Railway Act were amended in that respect it would give a great impetus to settlement.

Mr. J. Halloran (Wagga) seconded the motion.

Mr. A. M'Arthur (Jerilderie) in opposition objected to the reduction of freights. Their wheat only cost 1s 6d per bag from Jerilderie to Sydney, but 4s 6d per bag to cart it to the station. He would willingly pay existing rates if he could only secure an extension of the railway.

After various members had spoken in support Mr. Sheldon in reply said the proposal would result in the State being served with a network of railways. The motion was carried.

Mr. R. Patten, vice-president, then took the chair.

LAND SETTLEMENT.

Mr. W. N. Lane (Trangie) moved, Mr. C. E. Paine (Geurie) seconded,—"That in future before Crown lands be made available for selection inquiry be made by the land board to find out what settlers in the vicinity require additional areas to make their holdings up to a living area."

Various delegates discussed the question, and advocated the necessity of taking out of the hands of the district surveyors the power of recommending how the lands should be dealt with. The land board should have the right to determine such things. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Lane (Trangie) moved,—"That applicants for land may be allowed to be examined by the local land boards in the district in which they reside as to being qualified to hold land, and that a certificate shall be issued to that effect, which shall be accepted by any board, thus rendering the personal attendance of every applicant at the ballot unnecessary."

Mr. E. H. E. Allen (Eugowra) seconded the motion, and claimed that it was unnecessary for farmers to have to travel all over the State. It was an unwarranted expense. Several delegates discussed the proposal. Mr. Heywood said that he had applied for land in many districts without personally attending. The motion was carried.

Mr. J. Wetherspoon (Glencoe) moved, Mr. M. Horgan (Jerilderie) seconded,—"That provision be introduced into the Closer Settlement Act giving the advisory boards the power to ear-mark any estate they may deem fit for settlement under the Act, and that on their recommendation the Minister shall have power to declare such estates closed against all sales, or leases, unless by public auction on subdivision."

Mr. Wetherspoon dealt with the loopholes in the present Act, which enabled owners, by means of leases and fictitious sales, to circumvent the law. The time had come when the evils of the past should be remedied. Past Governments had allowed the lands of the country to be alienated wholesale, and the present Government were rectifying their mistakes. He said the proposal would strengthen the hands of the Minister in dealing with closer settlement. The motion was carried almost unanimously.

Mr. Patten urged that in the case of reaffirmation discussion be limited. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. M'Master (Bogan Gate) moved, and Mr. B. Witenden (Stockinbingal) seconded,—"That this conference reaffirm the motion passed by previous conference favouring limitation of future transfers, to prevent the accumulation of large estates." Carried.

Mr. John Ross (Germanton) moved,—"That limitation should be placed on the power of transfer of lands acquired under the Closer Settlement Act in the direction that in case anyone wishing to divest himself of land acquired under the provisions of the Closer Settlement Act shall surrender same to the Crown, and receive fair compensation for improvements." He said that the object of the proposal was to shut out land speculation. At every land sale or ballot there were numbers of applicants who had no intention of settling on the land. Several members adversely critised the motion, which was eventually negatived.

Mr. Wm. Jones, Glencoe, proposed, and Mr. G. F. Plunkett, Yerong Creek, seconded,—"That the Closer Settlement Act be so amended as to provide that the minimum unimproved value for resumption purposes be reduced from £20,000 to £10,000." Carried.

Mr. E. H. E. Allen (metropolitan) moved: Mr. A. Warren seconded,—"That the advisory boards be authorised to inspect and report upon with a view to resumption for closer settlement, all lands likely to be benefited by the construction of water conservation works, and irrigation channels, where such estates exceed a living area."

Mr. A. E. Bull and Mr. A. J. Newson, Whitton, heartily supported the motion. Both delegates had knowledge of the proposed Murrumbidgee scheme, and claimed that the large estates were to be benefited while the small holdings were to be resumed and resold. The small holders' land was classed as first-class land, and the squatters, who were there first and selected the land, had their properties classed as second-class land. It was highly improbable that the squatters would have taken up the second-class land.

Mr. O'Dwyer (Savernake) said that if the statements of the Whitton delegates were correct it, was a terrible blunder on the part of the authorities.

After discussion, the motion was carried.

Mr. B. Witenden (Stockinbingal) moved, Mr. Samuel Leech (Little Plain) seconded,—"That the present system of private subdivisions does not conduce to the best interests of closer settlement, and that the Government be urged to introduce legislation to bring private subdivision areas under similar restrictions and conditions as settlement purchase areas."

A long discussion ensued, in which delegates generally condemned private subdivisions.

Mr. E. D. O'Dwyer opposed the motion. He held that it was far better to have the owners subdivide estates, than for big areas to remain in one man's hands. It would interfere too greatly with the liberty of the subject. (Hear, hear.) The King's consent would be necessary before such a proposal became law.

Mr. O'Neill (Cowra) said that there were subdivisions in the Cowra district which were quite successful. It would be very unwise to put obstacles in the way of subdividing estates.

Mr. F. Pinkstone said the proposal merely meant applying the system of closer settlement to subdivisions to private subdivisions.

The motion was eventually negatived.

Mr. P. W. Smart (Henty) moved, and Mr. D. H. Schultz, seconded,—"That the Closer Settlement Act be amended to allow of suburban lands being compulsory resumed for residential purposes."

The mover pointed out the difficulty of securing residential areas near some townships.

Mr. J. Perry said that the same proposition was in force in New Zealand. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. C. West (Wamboyne) moved, and Mr. W. A. Ewers seconded,—"That applicants for the appraisement, and for the statutory extension of settlement and conditional leases, be allowed to withdraw their applications and obtain a refund of their deposits if such applications are not dealt with within 12 months." The motion was carried unanimously.

On the motion of Mr. W. A. Squire (Tumberumba) it was decided that the lay members of land boards be elected by the people.

Mr. A. M'Arthur (Jerilderie) moved, and Mr. Smart seconded,—"That the Local Government Act be amended so that the councils be accorded the right to choose their own officers, without restrictive conditions from the department." Carried.

Mr. M. J. Smith (Forbes) moved, and Mr. O'Dwyer seconded,—"That in consideration of the large amount of capital required by the would-be settler to take up land on settlement purchase areas under present conditions, it is advisable in the opinion of the conference that in future the payments for the same after the first deposit be as follows:—(a) The first instalment of 5 per cent. to be paid three years from the date of confirmation. (b) Interest charges to be suspended for the first three years, such accumulation to be extended over the balance of the term." This was agreed to.

Mr. E. Crouch (Wagga) moved, and Mr. Horgan seconded—"That clause 15 of the Closer Settlement Act be amended to allow the holder of a small area to acquire land on an estate resumed under this Act to make his holding up to a living area." The motion was carried.

On the motion of Mr. D. Elliot (Mount M'Donald), it was decided,—"That all rents on land selected should begin from date of confirmation, not date of application, as at present."

UNDER-SECRETARY FOR AGRICULTURE.

Mr. H. C. L. Anderson, Under-Secretary for Agriculture, attended the conference during the afternoon, and was welcomed by the president. Mr. Anderson said that the farmers were a power in the land, but the only men who could legislate for them were practical men from the land. No city man could possibly understand the needs of the settlers. With practical farmers representing them they would have an influence they did not exert to-day. (Hear, hear.) The Department of Agriculture existed solely to help the man on the land. They were on the eve of great developments in agriculture. Their sons should have the highest educational advantages the State could give, from the primary schools to the University. The University at present could turn out qualified doctors, lawyers, and engineers, but not a professor of agriculture or a competent farm manager. Should they need any agricultural labour, the Intelligence Department would be pleased to supply it. A good class of agricultural immigrants was arriving every week. Out of thousands of immigrants who had been placed with settlers only a couple of undesirables were found. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. O'Dea (Eugowra) moved, and Mr. Bullard (Red Range) seconded,—"That the Government be urged to take active steps to establish nurseries for the purpose of propagating all suitable kinds of timber trees for distribution purposes."

Mr. R. H. Clarke (Steinbrook) said that the wholesale destruction of the timbers was a serious thing. Sleepers for railway purposes would be unobtainable in a few years at the present rate of destruction.

Mr. Wheaton urged the planting of trees as was done in South Africa.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. D. J. O'Dea moved, Mr. E. H. E. Allen seconded,—"That the Government be approached to inaugurate a bonus system for the purpose of encouraging settlers and landholders to plant and attend or care for such timber trees, until they are self-supporting."

Mr. Allen stated that America would be cut out in 30 years. After discussion, the motion was defeated.

Mr. H. Davey (Wyong) moved, and Mr. O'Neil seconded,—"That reserves where the timber is cut out for present use, and having a large quantity of young timber, should be closed against the operations of timber-getters until such timber becomes of commercial value, and that these reserves be leased to persons willing to destroy valueless timber, noxious weeds, and vermin; and that in cases where the land is of good agricultural quality, and it can be shown that it is more suitable for agriculture than for a timber reserve, the whole or part of the reserve be thrown open for settlement."

Mr. H. Davey claimed that agricultural pursuits paid far better than timber, and on good agricultural land the timber should be cut. In his district a farm of four acres produced £300 a year.

The motion was carried.

The following were also carried:—

On the motion of Mr. Taylor (Rylstone) and Mr. Brogan,—"That holders of conditional purchase leases should, on converting into c.p., have the option to pay instalments at the rate of 9d for each £1 of the purchase money."

On the motion of Mr. Miller (Parkes) and Mr. Elliott,—"That regulation No. 215 be amended so as to provide for the ownership of improvements to the improver or his transferee, and that clauses 6 and 7 of that regulation be rescinded."

On the motion of Mr. G. Hawkins (Bectric) and Mr. A. F. Pyke (Trundle),—"That the holder of a series of C.P. and C.L. land be entitled to cut timber on any C.L., and use it on any other part of the holding."

On the motion of Mr. Miller (Parkes),—"That the condition of residence shall not attach to any converted C.L. land when the full term has been performed on the attached C.P."

On the motion of Mr. Miller and Mr. Gibson (Hay),—"That where a condition of residence attaches to any C.P. or C.L. in respect to any appraisement made thereon any transfer may be made if the transferee is willing to perform the unfulfilled condition of residence."

On the motion of Mr. J. Weaton (Balladoran) and Mr. Metcalf,—"That local Crown land agents examine and correct (if necessary) applications before they are sent to the land boards."

On the motion of Mr. A. M'Arthur (Jerilderie) and Mr. Weymouth (Wamboota),—"That all small holders be placed on an equal footing with regard to subletting their selections and leases without having previously obtained the consent of the Minister."

On the motion of Mr. C. Medcalf (Trundle) and Mr. E. Byrne (Cookardinia),—"That when original selectors of C.P. and C.L. lands are joint holders they be entitled to a reduction of interest, in common with single holders."

On the motion of Mr. F. Deardon (Steinbrook) and Mr. John Ross (Germanton),—"That no interest be charged on overdue rents of C.L. lands until at least six months have expired."

On the motion of Mr. John Wheaton (Balladoran) and Mr. John Ross,—"That a clause be inserted in the Conversion Bill to allow the children of a settlement lessee to have prior right, subject to the qualifications of the Land Act, to the remaining portion after the parent has secured a living area."

On the motion of Mr. D. Elliott and Mr. M'Donald,—"That survey fee in respect of forfeited holdings be not charged to the incoming holder or lessee, excepting when a resurvey is requested."

The conference then adjourned until this morning at 9.30.

UNITED CLERKS' UNION.

LOG OF WAGES.

Mr. W. L. Duncan, vice-president, occupied the chair at a meeting of the United Clerks' Union of N.S.W., held in the Trades Hall on Wednesday, when the following log of wages and working conditions was adopted:—

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ON THE LAND.

FARM AND STATION.

FEDERAL WOOL EXHIBITION.

Our Bradford wool correspondent, who strongly favours the proposed Federal wool exhibition, writes:—"We are glad to see from the columns of the 'Sydney Mail' that the proposed Federal wool exhibition is to include crossbreds, and this is a wise decision. There is no reason in the world why typical fleeces of every known breed produced in Australasia should not be included, and perhaps a few fleeces of merino from Cape Colony and crossbreds from the River Plate would add interest to such an exhibition. It would, at least, show breeders in the Commonwealth and New Zealand what their competitors were doing in other countries, and we venture to say that general surprise would be expressed at some of the wools which are being grown in Cape Colony, but more especially in the crossbreds from the Argentine. To the writer's mind, the very conception of getting together a representative display of the best fleeces grown in the leading wool countries named will have an educational value that cannot be over-estimated, and we unhesitatingly say that such a show will be incomplete if crossbreds are not staged. When in the days of slump we see Victorian halfbreds selling at 1/6¾ per lb, as was the case last January, and New Zealand crossbreds at over a shilling, such wools are worth being seen by any man interested in sheepbreeding, and the owners of these flocks have only to be asked for sample fleeces, when they will readily accede to the demand. It is certain, with the splitting up of large stations, that small farmers will in the future go in for keeping sheep of crossbred character, this being the custom in all countries where mixed farming is practised. When a man can command so much more for a crossbred carcase than the merino, and the wool sells for practically the same, it is certain that on land where other forage crops are grown the crossbred will be farmed, and particularly the halfbred. All this makes it imperative that the right class of animal be kept, and the exhibition of real typical crossbred fleeces should do something towards inducing the small farmer to produce the best."

Our correspondent's remarks concerning Cape Colony wool are certainly interesting to local growers, who would naturally find it an advantage to see samples of possible strong competitors' produce. The question of the small sheepfarmer is also one of extreme interest in this State, when the present trend towards closer settlement is borne in mind. In view of the opinion so often expressed that the subdivision of land will tend to deteriorate the value of our clip, the above view from the "buying" end is valuable.

RAILWAY FACILITIES.

Asked at the farmers' conference if the railways were prepared for the coming wheat harvest, the Chief Commissioner said they would try to carry it, and added:—"We have more engines and more 15-ton trucks than last year. We are building more engines and more 15-ton trucks, and will go on building more engines and more 15-ton trucks as long as you go on growing more wheat." It was a bold, straight answer, and, needless to say, evoked hearty cheers. Whether Mr. Johnson will be able to live up to it, however, remains to be seen. Although not in the same words, perhaps, a similar promise has been made to the wheat-growers of this State for some years past, yet a good season invariably finds the same trouble—inability to promptly shift the harvest. This is a serious thing to growers, although probably not as serious as the shortage of stock trucks, which often means loss by death, and it is certainly a hopeful sign that the Chief Commissioner appears to have gripped the local position and to be thoroughly imbued with the absolute necessity for the provision of more rolling stock and additional relieving lines. This, however, means money, and a large sum of money, and in this respect Parliament has to be consulted. One disadvantage in a country such as this is the constantly changing nature of the seasons, so in one year there is an enormous strain on the resources of the department, while the next there may be thousands of trucks and hundreds of engines lying idle. This of course means that a large proportion of the capital invested is not returning interest, and it is such a consideration that may influence Parliament. To the lay mind it would seem possible to meet this difficulty to a large extent by constructing trucks that could be utilised both for stock and wheat. Of course that would be a matter to be decided upon by the trained expert, who may see at once fatal objections to such a course, but if a movable top could be designed and trucks be thus available for the dual purpose it should help the position immensely.

SHORTAGE OF TRUCKS.

Mr. Johnson admits the recent shortage of trucks, but he assured the farmers and settlers' conference that absolutely nothing in the nature of a "corner" in trucks took place. The chief traffic manager, Mr. Harper, he stated, had spent a lot of time investigating the matter, and that is the conclusion arrived at. No "corner" had been established. Mr. Kirkcaldie also informed the same audience that no trucks had been obtained in an improper manner, and the statement that a certain man had ordered a number of trucks and retailed them at a profit of £3 3s was without foundation. In short, both the Commissioners are thoroughly satisfied that there was nothing improper in connection with the shortage of trucks or as an outcome.

Whether the public, or at least the stockowners, will be equally satisfied is another matter. In the face of the fact that in Southern Riverina it was freely asserted that stockowners secured trucks from private dealers by paying a premium when they could not get them from the department it may seem strange that the Commissioners should be satisfied that nothing of the kind took place. When it is remembered, however, that such transactions are not easily brought to light, unless the parties are agreeable, which is hardly likely, it is not so much a matter for surprise, and the public interested will no doubt still hold its own opinion. The Commissioners, although emphatic on the point that there was no speculation in trucks, do not appear to have referred to, or given any information about, the suspension of the "three weeks regulation" mentioned on different occasions in these columns. However, an inquiry is requested, and if undertaken by Parliament it is possible that the question will be effectually discussed. Some explanation should be forthcoming in connection with this regulation, and it would be as well perhaps if a list of those to whom trucks were allotted, with the number and dates, was laid before Parliament, together with information as to what refunds were made. This should be even more satisfactory than the Commissioners' definite assurance that nothing occurred to complain about.

ITEMS.

Mr. F. B. Guthrie, F.C.S., chemist to the Agricultural Department, will deliver his postponed lecture on "Wheat and Flour," in aid of the Farrer Memorial Fund, at St. James's Hall, this evening.

Messrs. Lowcock, Broughton, and King, of Gunnedah and Tamworth, in conjunction with Dalgety and Co., Ltd., Sydney, report having conducted a highly successful six days' clearance sale of sheep, cattle, horses, agricultural machinery, working plant, etc, on the Tulcumbah Estate, near Gunnedah. There was a very large and representative attendance of buyers from all parts of the State, also many from Victoria, and satisfactory prices were realised right through. Competition for horses was exceedingly keen, draughts making to £48 and light horses to £32, the 300 head submitted making an average of about £18.

The Minister for Agriculture has instructed the inspectors to make a rigid inspection of all orchards with a view of ascertaining if they are free from infection by fruit fly. Owing to the increased attention given to this matter, a number have been found to be quite clean, and Mr. Perry hopes to be able to get the pest under. Inspectors have been stationed in different parts of the State. Their duty is to examine orchards, the fruit on the wharfs and in shops, and if any are found to be infected with fruit fly a notice is served to compel destruction. In cases where orchards are practically abandoned the trees are uprooted and destroyed.

AUTUMN AND WINTER LAMBING.

OFFICIAL STATISTICS.

The Bureau of Statistics has prepared the following statement concerning the autumn and winter lambing, the returns for which have just been received from the Chief Inspector of Stock.

Following the practice adopted in previous years, the pastures protection districts have been so grouped as to agree as nearly as practicable with the form in which the agricultural and pastoral returns are usually presented by the Statistical Bureau.

The estimated results, which are based on the returns furnished by the various stock inspectors, are as follow:—

Divisions.	Ewes in district.	Ewes put to rams.	Lambs born. Total.	Lambs born. Per cent.	Probable markings. Total.	Probable markings. Per cent.
Coastal	755,000	368,000	277,400	75.3	248,400	67.4
Northern Tableland	1,623,000	17,000	12,500	74.2	11,600	68.0
Central Tableland	845,000	83,000	50,900	61.3	43,100	51.7
Southern Tableland	1,329,000	213,000	136,600	64.1	85,100	40.0
Total	3,797,000	313,000	199,300	63.7	139,800	44.7
North-Western Slopes	1,712,000	424,000	329,000	77.6	297,100	70.0
Central-West. Slopes	2,033,000	1,547,000	1,101,000	71.1	848,900	54.8
South-Western Slopes	1,083,000	517,000	405,600	78.4	275,800	53.3
Total	5,828,000	2,488,000	1,836,200	73.8	1,421,100	57.1
North-Western Plains	1,840,000	1,170,000	974,500	79.0	774,000	66.2
Central-West. Plains	1,981,000	1,530,000	1,095,000	71.5	926,400	63.3
Riverina	3,727,000	3,188,000	2,102,900	67.6	1,170,700	36.8
Total	7,548,000	5,888,000	4,182,400	70.9	2,919,700	49.5
Western Division ...	3,551,000	3,194,000	2,481,300	77.7	1,772,300	55.5
Total	20,937,000	12,261,000	8,976,600	73.2	6,501,300	53.0

Of the 20,937,000 ewes in the State only 12,261,000, or 58½ per cent., have been used for the earlier lambing. 9,148,000 ewes which lambed in the autumn produced 6,673,000 lambs, or a percentage of 73, and of these it is estimated 4,801,300 will be marked. The winter lambing resulted in 2,303,600 lambs, being 74 per cent. of the ewes, and the probable markings are set down at 1,700,000, or 55 per cent. About 12,261,000 ewes were mated for the autumn and winter lambing. The lambs born numbered 8,976,600, or nearly 73¼ per cent., but owing to the very unfavourable weather conditions which obtained in most of the central, southern, and western districts of the State, it is estimated that the markings will not greatly exceed 6½ millions, or only 53 per cent. of the ewes put to the rams. The probable markings are nearly one million below the estimate for the previous year, when the lambing was carried out under somewhat similar unfavourable conditions.

The best results were obtained in the northern districts—tableland, western slopes, and western plains—where the season has proved very satisfactory as regards natural feed and water. Approaching the south, the average markings become less satisfactory, until the minimum is reached in Riverina, where, owing to the exceptional drought in the early part of the season, the mortality amongst both ewes and lambs has been very great, so that the average markings for the district can hardly exceed 37 per cent. The stock inspectors estimate that 4,200,000 ewes will be available for the spring lambing, some breeders in the Narrabri and Pilliga districts using a portion of them for a double lambing.

The following particulars regarding the individual districts are based on the reports of the various stock inspectors:—

COASTAL.

From a sheepbreeder's point of view, this is not an important district, there being only 755,000 ewes. The majority of these are in the Hunter and Manning division, and it appears that the season has been, if anything, too good for sheep. In the Murrurundi, Denman, Merriwa, and Singleton districts the lambing has taken place under favourable conditions. The ewes were in good order, and there have been plenty of grass and water. Nevertheless, there have been losses, mainly through the abundance of grass seed, and this cause—together with blowfly and worm troubles—has accounted for the comparatively low percentage of markings. In the South Coast division favourable conditions also obtained for the most part, but the cold weather towards the end of last month and the ravages of foxes were responsible for a heavy mortality amongst lambs in the Berrima district.

TABLELANDS.

On the tablelands, the general lambing does not take place till the spring. The season has been most favourable in the Armidale, Glen Innes, and Tenterfield districts, and should no untoward circumstances arise a record lambing may be expected in the spring. In the Bathurst district, however, the conditions have been decidedly bad, the scarcity of nourishing food rendering the ewes so weak that they were unable to support the lambs. The prospects of the spring lambing also are not at all encouraging. In the Carcoar district there is only a lambing in the spring months. It is not expected to be very successful this year, as in April, when the rams were joined with the ewes, it was exceptionally dry, and very little grass was available. Better results are anticipated from 163,000 ewes reserved for the spring lambing in the Mudgee district.

In the Goulburn and Queanbeyan districts only 213,000 ewes were requisitioned for the autumn and winter lambing, but owing to the absence of rain, and the consequent shortage of grass, the ewes were in a bad condition, many dying and others being unable to rear the lambs. In these and the other districts comprised in the southern tableland—Bombala, Cooma, and Yass—the inspectors report that spring prospects are anything but favourable, but as fair rains have fallen since the reports were sent in, it is anticipated that the ewes may become stronger before lambing time, and results may exceed present expectations.

WESTERN SLOPES.

In the Tamworth and Warialda districts a very good season has been experienced, and the lambing has been carried out under very favourable circumstances, although the superabundance of grass seed has caused some trouble around Manilla. The prospects of the spring lambing are most promising on the north-western slopes. Similar reports have been received from Coonabarabran and Dubbo, in the northern portion of the Central Western slopes division. There has been plenty of water and grass, and a good percentage of the lambs are healthy and strong, although in some instances they are affected with worms. Around Molong and Forbes, however, the absence of the usual autumn rains caused a scarcity of feed, so that the ewes were in a weak state, and many deserted the lambs as soon as they were dropped. In portions of the south-western slopes the lambing has been fairly good, especially in the Germanton and Young districts, but great mortality has occurred amongst ewes and lambs around Gundagai, owing to the dry weather, crows, and foxes, the latter having taken to lamb-killing owing to the scarcity of rabbits. The prospects of the spring lambing in this division, however, are good, as abundant rain has since fallen.

WESTERN PLAINS.

On the north-western plain, in the Moree, Narrabri, and Pilliga districts, the pasture has been good since early in the year, and generally favourable conditions have obtained. The lambs are healthy, with every prospect of thriving well, but there has been from 10 to 12 per cent. of losses occasioned by the dense growth of grass and the prevalence of blowflies, which have been unusually troublesome this year. The prospects of the spring lambing are excellent, and it is expected from this division alone there will be 190,000 ewes available, some of them being mated for the second time this year, as amongst the flocks which lambed early in the season the percentage of lambs was small. The difficulty of obtaining even dry feed has been the cause of the small percentage of lambs in the central western plains division. Flies have also been responsible for a 10 per cent. loss in the Walgett district, and foxes are giving more trouble than usual around Condobolin, on account of the scarcity of rabbits.

RIVERINA.

The inspectors of the various districts comprised in this division are unanimous in reporting the disastrous results of an exceptionally dry season, which caused the absence of succulent feed at a critical period. In many cases artificial feeding had to be resorted to, and there was no natural grass of any kind. A large number of ewes had to be sent away to mountain pastures, and being brought back in an advanced stage of gestation, the scarcity of feed, and the necessary hardship of travel, not only caused a high mortality in lambs, but also occasioned serious losses amongst mothers. The dry feed available left many ewes in too weak a state to feed the lambs, which were deserted in consequence. But for the rainfall in the early part of June, the results, bad as they unfortunately are, would have been decidedly worse. The season was exceptionally dry in the early part, when the majority of the lambs were dropped, and this was followed by wet and cold weather, with a scarcity of green pasturage. The Urana inspector estimates that not less than 150,000 ewes were lost through the drought alone in his district.

WESTERN DIVISION.

The autumn lambing has taken place under very unfavourable conditions. The small quantity of rain which fell was insufficient to provide green feed or surface waters in the paddocks. With little more than dry grass for feed, the ewes have ill-nourished the lambs, a great number of which have died going in and out to water at tanks. In some cases the lambs were killed at birth in order to save the mothers. The Menindie inspector reports that the lambs generally are backward in size and condition, and further losses occurred owing to the adverse influence of the exceptionally bleak and cold weather in June.

"HERALD" AND "MAIL" SCHOLARSHIPS.

Reference is made by the Minister for Public Instruction, Mr. Hogue, to the "Herald" and "Mail" scholarships tenable at the Hawkesbury Agricultural College. He says: "With a view to stimulating higher agricultural education, the proprietors of the 'Sydney Morning Herald' and the 'Sydney Mail' decided during 1907 to offer annually a scholarship, which will entitle its holders to two years' free tuition and board and lodging at the Hawkesbury Agricultural College. These scholarships will be each worth £40 a year, and will be open to all lads in the State whose parents reside outside the metropolitan area. As the education and maintenance fee at the college is £25, the scholarships are intended to cover incidental expenses incurred by the successful students during their course.

"At the examination held in December only six candidates presented themselves, the shortness of the notice and the uncertainty in many quarters as to the character of the literary test to be undergone being responsible, doubtless, for the small number of candidates. The successful competitor was Philip Lisle Daniel, a pupil of the Hurlstone Agricultural School.

"Judging from the number of inquiries since made as to the date and scope of the next examination, it seems likely that the public-spirited action of the donors of the 'Herald' and 'Mail' scholarships will in 1908 result in a keen competition among our youths contemplating an agricultural career."

SYDNEY TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

WOOL EXAMINATIONS.

The yearly examination of students attending the sheep and wool class took place on the 6th to 9th inst—three days practical work, and theory on the fourth. The former test included handling fleeces from the floor, and all stages to the classing-table. Eight bales of various types of merino and crossbred fleeces were placed in one stack, and each student had to class from the bulk. Sorting, or dividing fleeces into counts or qualities, an advanced stage was taken separately, as were types and clean yields. Theory was confined to that given during the session. The great majority of students were from different parts of this State, and a few from other States. Forty-one students passed the preliminary and qualifying examinations. Of these 23 were successful in the final, 14 of whom were from the country and immediately connected with the pastoral industry. Five of the remaining nine are going on the land, so that those to follow wool-classing form a very small proportion of the successful students. The following is the list of passes according to merit:—E. S. Terrey, Sydney; H. Hancock, Sydney; A. Johnston, Sydney; H. J. Hoffman, Liverpool; H. T. Legge, Warren; W. T. Hambly, New Zealand; P. Von der Heyde, Tareena; F. A. Sullivan, Sydney; J. G. Snelling, Sydney; A. C. Cox, Uralla; H. L. Howe, Sydney; G. F. Carney, Glen Innes; C. M. H. Tully, Molonglo; E. Stamm, Nyngan; W. Magee, Glenfield; F. A. Chaffey, Tamworth; H. G. Melville, Peak Hill; D. W. Harcourt, Ginninderra; W. Hearne, Crookwell; N. S. Brooker, Scone; R. V. P. Studdert, Narrandera; N. B. Hawthorn, Sydney; L. C. Cornwell, Bathurst.

MAP OF N.S.W.

PASTURES PROTECTION BOARDS.

The Department of Lands has issued a very complete and up-to-date map of the State, showing the boundaries of the pasture protection districts and rabbit-proof barrier fences. The land board districts are clearly shown, and also the railways, main roads and tracks, and public watering places, together with townships, homesteads, and geographical details. The publication is a valuable one.

NEW SOUTH WALES FRUIT IN ENGLAND.

In May last the Department of Agriculture forwarded to England eight cases of apples and two cases of citrus fruits, as exhibits at the Royal Horticultural Society's Show in London. The apples were grown at the experiment farm, Bathurst, and were "Granny Smith," "Rome Beauty," and "Munroe Favourite." The lemons and oranges were grown at the experiment farm, Pera Bore. The Minister for Agriculture has now received advice from the Agent-General to the effect that the whole of the fruit arrived in most excellent condition, and was effectively displayed at the Royal Horticultural Society's Show on June 23. The exhibition was well attended, and among those present were a number of the most prominent horticulturists in England. The fruit was very favourably commented upon, and Mr. Coghlan expressed the opinion that such exhibits of our products are an excellent advertisement for the State, as they reach one of the most desirable classes in the United Kingdom. It is gratifying to know that the committee awarded the exhibit the silver Knightian medal of the society, which is to be forwarded to Sydney in due course.

PEEL RIVER ESTATE.

Mr. Percy Inder writes:—As a former resident of Tamworth I have followed with interest the successive steps which have led up to the decision of the Government to purchase 100,000 acres of the Peel River Estate for closer settlement. When I read in your columns recently that the company had voluntarily offered to subdivide an area of 80,000 acres, and that the Government was unfavourable to the offer, the position became to me quite incomprehensible. I know the favourable position of those who have already secured farms from the company at former subdivisions. The present purchasing tenants speak most highly of the company as a landlord and a vendor. They are securing farms on terms which, on Mr. Ashton's own statement at Tamworth, are easier than anything the Government can offer. The company now comes along with an offer to place 80,000 acres under settlement upon the same advantageous terms, and the offer is refused. The alternative, it seems to me, is not one which will commend itself to the taxpayer. Compulsory purchase means a public expenditure (an addition to the State debt) of at least £500,000. Surely this is not a sum to be lightly spent if any acceptable compromise can be devised. The offer of the company is better than a compromise; it is a substitution of 80,000 acres for 100,000 on the most generous terms ever offered by a vendor, whether private or public. I have watched the history of those in search of land in country districts. When a man wants land he is not content to waste a couple of years in search of it. He wants to pay the deposit and enter into possession right away. The Government ballots are largely attended it is true. But numbers of the applicants are not urgently in need of land; if they win the ballot well and good, if not it doesn't much matter. To the man in real need of land the business methods and the rapidity of the private vendor are an inducement which tells. For example, no one in pressing need of a farm could sit down and wait while the departmental mills grind their weary round in connection with the resumption of Peel River. It is not likely, even if the Government accelerates its pace, that there will be any farms on Peel River under crop until early in 1911. In the meantime those who want land will have gone elsewhere. In other words, the Government resumption of Peel River will not be available to satisfy the present call for land, but instead it will only be of use to meet the hunger which may exist in a couple of years' time. The company offers its 80,000 acres now. For example, the last subdivision offered by the company was in March, 1906, when they sold 27,000 acres on their own terms. By November of that year (eight months later) several farmers had their land cleared and cropped and had sold their wheat to the local miller. This speedy method of settlement lets the incomer turn the immediate season to advantage—the slow Government style means a loss of hundreds of pounds.

HIGH JUMPS AND LONG LEAPS

A correspondent writes:—I always read with interest any records of high jumps made by horses in any part of the world, and perhaps I may be pardoned for allowing myself to believe that years ago—about 1888—I owned a horse possessed of a record that has never been beaten in Australasia. In that year Fred. and Tom Morgan, of Mount Morgan, were a good deal associated with me, and discussing jumpers one day they told me of one they had in Queensland with a great reputation, having previously belonged to a man who travelled the country making money by the horse's performances. I bought him, and he was shipped to me from Rockhampton, and my first impression on seeing him was to convert him as quick as possible into cash, however little, for he was poor, dejected, and could vie with Lazarus in the number of sores adorning his hide. It was explained to me afterwards by the Morgans that the black boys had been riding him on their cattle station unknown to them, and so his dilapidation was accounted for. However, his frame was good enough to justify one in fancying that could he be got in condition he might, so far as the stories of his jumping power were concerned, be able to disprove the saying that "all men are liars." So he was laid up for a spell, then given to Jack Phillips, at Randwick, who got him into splendid form. Then Regan, a cross-country rider, also at Randwick, got him at work, and he quite satisfied us that it would have to be something good to do better. I wanted him to jump at the R.A.S., but was unfortunate, as Regan took a mount at a Rosehill steeplechase on the day he should have ridden my horse at the show, and having to put another rider up the horse resented it and would not respond as he did for Regan. He was not too amiable over the timber, and took a good resolute rider to steer him. I don't know whether Jack Phillips and Regan are still in evidence. Both Morgans mentioned, I regret, are dead. When I purchased the horse Mr. Tom Morgan furnished me with an account cut from a Queensland paper—from memory, the "Toowoomba Chronicle"—describing a jump this horse had done at a show there, and referring to the admiration of the then Governor of Queensland, who showed it in a practical way by handing the rider a one-pound note. The height given and printed was 7ft 2in, and the horse's name was Skyscraper.

THE LAMBING.

ALBURY.—The Stock Inspector has completed his returns in connection with the lambing. The approximate number of ewes in the district on December 31, 1907, was 314,857, and the approximate number put to rams for the autumn and winter lambing was 267,614. The approximate percentage of lambs born was 70, and the approximate percentage of markings 55. This is very low, 75 or 80 per cent. being a fair average in this district. The first part of the season, when the largest number of lambs are dropped, was exceptionally dry, and afterwards the weather was wet and cold. There was also a scarcity of suckling grass. The prospects of lambs doing well are at present very good.

LAND SELECTED.

The following statement shows the lands selected under the Crown Lands Acts during the week ended July 22, 1908, and during the three weeks from July 1 to July 22:—

Class of Holding.	During the week ended July 22. No. of Applicants.	During the week ended July 22. Area. Acres.	During the 3 weeks from July 1. No. of Applicants.	During the 3 weeks from July 1. Area. Acres.
ORIGINAL HOLDINGS.				
Applied for as Original conditional purchases	35	5,543	98	14,978
Conditional leases applied for simultaneously with and in virtue of these O.C.P.'s	(18)	6,675	(49)	20,200
Conditional purchase leases	2	625	28	7,898
Original homestead selections	8	1,532	15	2,085
Original settlement leases	1	3,016	4	12,480
Total of new settlers	47	17,391	145	57,641
ADDITIONAL HOLDINGS.				
Applied for as Additional conditional purch. (of Crown lands)	19	1,982	65	7,264
Conditional leases not taken simultaneously with O.C.P.'s	28	12,767	100	34,642
Additional homestead selections	1	895	2	1,996
Additional settlement leases	1	5,513	1	5,513
Total	49	21,157	168	50,114

CANCELLED IMPROVEMENT LEASES.

Questions asked in the Legislative Assembly last evening concerning the area of the total acreage comprising the cancelled leases thrown open for occupation drew from the Minister for Lands the statement that 170,384 acres have been made available for settlement in the land districts of Warren, Dubbo, Coonamble, Nyngan, Warialda, Condobolin, Armidale, Hay, Narrabri, and Walgett; 35,000 acres in land district of Dubbo are ready for gazettal; 54,839½ acres have been surveyed and the plans are being dealt with in the district survey offices, 250,519 acres are being surveyed; 15,105 acres are being designed for settlement; 36,244 acres are held over pending reports by the Closer Settlement Advisory Boards; and 38,463 acres are awaiting final decision by Parliament.

THE WEEPING WILLOW.

AS A USEFUL FODDER TREE.

(BY SYDNEY JEPHCOTT.)

Among even the men whose livelihood depends upon the pasturage of stock there is a curious ignorance of the radical and far-reaching changes that have been in process among the herbage of Australia since the introduction of settlement. Before sheep came over the Blue Mountains the western pastures (apart from edible shrubs) were composed of perennial grasses that gave a fairly regular supply of fodder all the year round, through greatly varying seasons. Even I, although only in my forties, can remember when Silver grass was practically the only annual herbage of any prevalence among our Upper Murray pastures. Now the best, and even the second best lands, are swamped every spring with annual herbage whose rank growth smothers the good old perennial grasses; and, dying itself after the first few weeks of warm, dry weather, leaves the country desolate until the next autumnal rains. This, combined with the fact that the rough back-country, which once was a standby through the worst droughts, is now only a breeding-ground to pour millions of rabbits down upon the better country every summer, has made a three months' drought as dreadful as one of the twelve-month was 50 years ago.

The ruinous effects of these great causes are, by the majority of country people, blamed vaguely on "the seasons," although those maligned "seasons" are really as good as ever they were. This habit of attributing our troubles to the mysterious alteration for the worse of our seasons blinds the most of us to the fact that a new set of conditions have to be faced for all time. Every year the annual herbage, dandelion, oatgrass, barley-grass, variegated and skeleton thistles, and the rest swamp more and more of our pastures; and, with the help of overstocking with sheep, and rabbits, destroy more and more of our perennial grasses. The evils of this process are far more widely spread than most people recognise. Besides making the alternation of over-plus and famine almost invariable in each year, it is the chief cause of the devastating bush fires that now sweep the country after each good spring, is the cause of all the losses from bloating, and from impaction, and the wasting of condition that takes place among all stock when confined to dry feed. This universal loss of condition that takes place in every dry spell must run into enormous monetary figures, if one could but calculate it, yet it is hardly recognised if actual deaths do not take place.

Now, while irrigation, ensilage and the cultivation of green fodder crops, such as maize and sorghum, can never be advocated enough, the auxiliary safeguard that could be secured by the growing of fodder-trees is too much overlooked. Putting aside the West, with its Mulga, Boree, Dogwood, and other edible forest growths, for the man who has command of any soil that contains a fair amount of moisture there is no tree that can bear comparison with the common weeping willow.

Although we naturally think of this tree as drooping over a river reach or deep lagoon, yet it can be seen growing luxuriantly under the shadow of immense eucalyptus forests in the wildest mountain gorges, where diggers have carried it, or in sandy depressions in dry western plains. Wherever moisture can be reached by the roots the weeping willow will flourish, and hold its huge reserves of fodder out of reach until necessity arrives. These reserves of fodder I estimate at half a ton for each well-grown tree, covering, say, ten yards square of surface. Will any artificial or native plant yield more heavily than this? This fodder is ravenously eaten by all stock, even horses, and is unaffected by any severity of weather that I have ever seen; which, when we consider the liability of other fodder crops to fail just when they are most bitterly needed, is not an unimportant item in the willow's catalogue of virtues.

While even the willow cannot be grown without occupying a certain area, still there are everywhere, except on absolutely featureless plains, innumerable spots which a willow tree would occupy more profitably than anything else I know. Wherever water lies for any length of time, there can be no growth of useful grasses; and such spots are the chosen home of the willow.

Nothing can be less useful than the sharp-edged sedges, the "smart-weed," and the black rushes, which usually line those shallow swamps, etc., where water lies for a few months in the year; and here willows can be grown quickly with practically no trouble or expense. Planted round shallow bodies of water they will gradually raise and reclaim these areas if there is any flow of silt in flood times; and where erosion of banks is taking place they are also invaluable. This applies perhaps equally whether the erosion is taking place on the bank of a large stream or in a hillside gully, where earth is only lost during a few days in each year. Hundreds of thousands of acres of the very choicest land in Australia have been, or will be lost in this most unsatisfactory of all ways; and all this loss can be prevented, or at least minimised by planting weeping willows in such washouts, and ahead, but in the line of, such erosion.

Nothing in nature can be much more beautiful and desirable than such a wall of willows rising out of the detestable gulches, and affording at once the most grateful shelter to stock from sun and hot winds; a large reserve of fodder, a perfect break against bush fires, and a means of gradually eliminating the huge trenches in which they grow. Again, there seem to be hardly any hilly lands that do not show more or less springy patches, on hillsides, or in gullies, especially after the native timber has been destroyed. The prevalence of these springy patches seems to be the measure of the flukiness of the sheep that graze in such pastures. And the best of all ways of draining such patches is to plant with weeping willows.

In the more mountainous localities it is still possible to grow these trees, even where there is no visible supply of moisture—in the many steep shady gullies, more particularly those of southern and eastern aspect, willows will flourish luxuriantly, finding ample water supply in the damp, shady soil of such localities.

It must not be imagined that the usefulness of the willow is limited to the sole purpose of lopping in times of scarcity. As everyone has noticed, the pendant branches always seem above browsing height, but if a tree so browsed is protected from stock for a few months of the growing season the succulent branchlets will soon sweep the ground—which can only mean that at the least seven or eight feet of growth is browsed off each year. Then at the beginning of winter, usually about the middle of May, the mass of leafage begins to fall, and this incessant fall of still juicy and nutritious foliage goes on for more than a month during what is often the hardest period in the whole year. While this process of denudation is occurring each tree sheds at least food enough to maintain one head of large stock, and that is surely no small service at that time of the year in which it takes place.

There are many other trees which afford valuable fodder, but none that I know can compare with the weeping willow either for rapidity of growth and recovery from lopping, or in ease and cheapness of propagation. Take a limb of willow long enough to bury the butt about 3ft 6in in damp soil, and let the top stand high enough to form a head out of reach of browsing animals—say 11 or 12 feet over all. Plant this in such a hole as I have indicated, incline it towards the north-west (which prevents the sun from scorching the bark in the summer afternoons), ram firmly, and in six months you will have a good young tree, which in a couple of years you may begin to lop if hard pressed.

I would suggest as a reasonable ideal that every grazier, though of a dozen cows only, should determine to possess at least two willows to every acre he may own. This would place him in possession of reserves of food that would ensure him against any ordinary dry spells, and serve the purpose of medicine—the best of all medicines, green food, by judicious thinning when wholesale lopping was not required. There are now, wherever the late drought has been felt, great numbers of lopped branches lying, a mere nuisance, under the parent trees. All these that are large enough should be gathered up and planted by those who have already had experience of the fodder value of weeping willows, by which means many thousands of pounds would be added to the wealth of the country at the expense of a few hours' labour.

In conclusion let me give a few hints to the intending planter: Do not plant branches with young green bark on the butts where rabbits can ringbark them; pick the branches old enough to have a good shell on them. Do not plant them nearer than about 30 yards apart, so that the heads shall not grow into each other, to their mutual loss of foliage. And lastly, do not set them indiscriminately along watercourses, which, when overdone, they are apt to choke and throw out into new channels. Plant only where erosion is happening, especially in the bottom of bends, where they counteract the tendency of the opposite points to lengthen and drive the bend deeper and deeper.

THE VICTORIAN SHOW.

MELBOURNE.—Nearly 6000 entries have been received for the Royal Agricultural Society's annual show, to be held from August 28 to September 5.

SHEARING.

BROKEN HILL.—Corona station will finish shearing on Friday. Yancowinna will start on Monday.

NARRABRI.—Edgeroi shearing station will call the roll on Friday, and all big district sheds will be in full swing next week. The season is expected to be a good one. The flocks generally are heavily woolled and in very fair condition. Great numbers of men have passed to the outer districts in search of work. The majority of the sheds will shear more sheep than last year. Contract shearing has been going on smoothly at Messrs. Young's, Tibeereenah, for some weeks.

CONTROL OF RESERVES.

GLEN INNES.—At a meeting of the Pastures Protection Board, held on Thursday morning, it was decided that the secretary should prepare a return of all reserves and travelling stock routes within the Glen Innes districts, giving situation and area, and stating if leased, to whom, and the annual rental; also that recommendations be drawn up for the Minister for Lands' consideration and approval with a view of handing over the control of the said land to the Pastures Protection Board.

MEETINGS OF FARMERS.

MOREE.—The annual meeting of the P. and A. Society was held on Wednesday night, the president, Mr. P. E. Stirton, in the chair. Officers elected for the ensuing year were:—Mr. W. Keen, president; Messrs. A. C. Bramma and F. B. Starkey, vice-presidents; Mr. E. J. Lillyman, treasurer; and Mr. D. E. Kirkby, secretary. It was decided to hold the annual meetings in future in June. The balance-sheet disclosed a profit of £147 last year. When the subsidy of £155 has been received from the Government, the debit balance of the society will stand at £185.

STOCK MOVEMENTS.

ALBURY (July 23 to 29).—1 bull, Tintaldra to Deniliquin, Cooma, G. Keighran; 3240 sheep, Korimburra to Urana, A. Scott; 118 sheep, Fish Creek to Lockhart, R. Scott; 3000 sheep, Tallangatta to Narrandera, G. Sadler; 13 cattle, Nowlyn to Manilla, W. H. Yelland; 205 cattle, Mudgegonga to Narrandera, J. Carroll; 13 horses, Wallangurra to Camperdown, E. F. Curry; 10 horses, Sydney to Wodonga, J. T. Martin; 92 sheep, Sydney to Wangaratta, A. C. Dessiby; 22 cattle, Wagga to Wodonga, W. J. Clarke; 180 cattle, Mandaroo to Cobram, H. Tuck.

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LABOUR COUNCIL AND THE PRESS.

The weekly meeting of the Sydney Labour Council was held at the Trades Hall last night. There was a large attendance of delegates, the room being crowded to the doors.

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INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES.

ACT'S POWERS QUESTIONED.

JUDGE HEYDON DECRIES HARD AND FAST RULES.

"THE ACT MIGHT AS WELL BE TORN UP."

In the Industrial Court yesterday, before Judge Heydon, an application was made by Mr. H. A. Mitchell (general secretary), on behalf of the Shore Drivers' and Firemen's Union, Industrial Union of Employees, for the appointment of the members of a board for the industry of engine-drivers, firemen, and pumpers in the Maitland collieries, without election. Mr. J. L. Campbell, instructed by Messrs. Spark and Millard (Newcastle), appeared for the Newcastle and Maitland collieries; Mr. Kelynack, instructed by Messrs. Curtiss and Barry, for the southern collieries; and Mr. Curlewis, instructed by Mr. Stephens, for the western collieries.

It was stated, in Mr. Mitchell's affidavit, that the union embraced the majority of colliery engine-drivers, firemen, and pumpers throughout New South Wales, including the Maitland collieries. On July 3 the Court granted an application by the union for the appointment of a board in the industry of engine-drivers, firemen, and pumpers in the Maitland collieries. The appointment of a board without election was desired, on the grounds of urgency and impending disputes. The conditions of the industry affected had for a long time past been the subject of proceedings in the late Arbitration Court, without benefit. In December, 1906, a claim for improved conditions was made by the firemen and pumpers of the Stockton Coal Company. The Arbitration Court delivered its award on October 1, 1907, and the union applied for a common rule. When the application was reached, the Stockton Company had closed down, and the point was taken and upheld that the award could not be made a common rule. The union then proceeded with disputes with the Caledonian Coal Company, and an award was delivered which gave the same rates for firemen and pumpers as the Stockton award, and for engine-drivers the rate provided for in an industrial agreement between the New South Wales Colliery Engine Drivers' Association, and the Hunter River District Colliery Proprietors' Defence Association. That award was made in March last, and the union applied for a common rule applicable to the whole State. The union was subsequently served with a rule nisi for a prohibition by the respondent company. The Full Court discharged the rule. The union was then met with a notice of appeal to the High Court, and a stay of proceedings. The appeal still remained unheard. Objections to the common rule were filed also by the northern colliery proprietors, the southern colliery proprietors, and by the western colliery proprietors. All these objectors disputed the jurisdiction of the Court, and the claims of the union. These proceedings had caused unrest in the union. The attitude of the men had been, and still was, a matter of grave anxiety to the union executive. It therefore desired the immediate constitution of the board.

Mr. Campbell took the objection that, as the application was for a board in respect of a section only of the employees in the industry, it was incompetent, because the Act provided, under section 5, that the board to be constituted was one board, and that one board was to be constituted in respect of the whole industry, or the whole group of industries contained in the second column of the schedule. In the case under consideration it was proposed to divide the groups of industries into sections, and to appoint a purely sectional board. The consequence would be that several boards would be given jurisdiction in respect of the same industry. They would be independent boards, not necessarily comprising the same members, possibly delivering awards inconsistent with each other, and conflicting one with the other; and they would become a fertile source of disturbance and discontent in the industry in which they were operating. He further submitted that the union had not furnished sufficient material to warrant the Court granting a board without election.

His Honor: It is impossible to regulate industries by hard-and-fast rules and by statute. It is a matter of administration. To a large extent that is recognised by the Act, because flexible powers are given to the Industrial Court and Judge. But if I am to deal with it in this way the Act is useless and might as well be torn up. It may be that it ought to be amended.

Mr. Kelynack submitted that it was necessary to come down to some unit which represented the industry which could have separate representation. Was that unit to be each distinct class of workmen, and, if so, who was to determine what classes of workmen were distinct? In some cases in the schedule it had not been attempted to name any employees as a class. Did it mean that the president of the Court for the time being was empowered to say that the employees of the Railway Commissioners, for example, should be divided into, say, 20 different industries; and that his Honor should prepare a schedule to show what those industries were?

His Honor: There are a good many industries under the Railway Commissioners that have separate awards.

Mr. Kelynack said he was not putting the argument for the sake of opposition. If the Act was to have a chance, if it was to be workable, they had to come down to the unit. Unless the boards were limited to some reasonable number the Act would become absolutely impracticable, and break down beneath its own weight; and they would be unable to get members to act. To nominate people who had not the approval of the owners, or the time to act, would be to make the Act a dead letter. Supposing there were ten different wages boards in connection with the railways and tramways, who was the Chief Commissioner to get to sit on all those wages boards?

His Honor: Under the definition of an employer there would have to be a manager or superintendent.

Mr. Kelynack: However it would be got over it would mean endless journeys. If the engine drivers in colliery disputes were entitled to a separate board, were they not equally entitled in every other industry in the schedule to demand separate boards?

The case stands part heard.

DEFUNCT SCHOOL BOARDS.

PROPOSED MUNICIPAL CONTROL.

The Minister for Public Instruction (Mr. J. A. Hogue) heard a deputation yesterday, which asked that the present school boards be abolished, and their work performed by the various suburban councils. Mr. J. J. Cohen, M.L.A., introduced the deputation, which included representatives of Ashfield, Burwood, Concord, Petersham, Erskineville, St. Peters, and Manly.

It was explained that the reform asked for would require an alteration in the Public Instruction Act, but, provided the Minister were willing, this would not be a great difficulty. It was pointed out that, though individual members of the school boards took an interest in their duties; yet, as a body, they rarely got together. For example, the Empire Day celebrations in most localities had been left to the aldermen. The parents' associations, which existed in connection with many schools, also overlapped the functions of the school boards. On the other hand, 20 of the 35 or 36 municipal councils which had been invited, had agreed to co-operate in the present movement. The very fact of their position made aldermen take an interest in all local affairs, including the schools, and many needed improvements could be made by the municipal councils. The educational qualifications of aldermen were quite equal to those of the school boards.

The Minister, in reply, said the deputation had a laudable object in view. However, he saw some objections. The principle it asked for could not be applied to those places which were under shire government, and this would give rise to a mixed system. As to educational qualifications, business ability was the main requisite on a school board. The duties of the board were very simple. It had to see to attendance at the schools, and to suspend a teacher who did not discharge his duty, but the last power, he believed, had never been exercised. At the end of last year there were 326 boards, having a membership of 1300. Comparatively few boards fulfilled their duties. The reason for this lack of interest was, he thought, that schools had of late years come more directly under control of the department and its inspectors. Again, no regular business arose to call the boards together. But one very serious objection to the present proposal was that women sat on the school boards, where they took a more active interest than men; whereas, on the municipal council, they would be unrepresented. It would be possible, he thought, that, in some cases, a body of aldermen might come in which would neglect the new functions were they given them.

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LAW REPORT.

HIGH COURT.

(Before the Chief Justice, Sir Samuel Griffith, Mr. Justice O'Connor, Mr. Justice Isaacs, and Mr. Justice Higgins.)

ST. PHILIP'S GLEBE.

QUESTION OF RENTS AND PROFITS.

Fielding and another v Houison and others.
Tovey and another v Houison and others.

This case, which was begun on Thursday, stands part heard.

SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

IN BANCO.

(Before the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Cohen, and Mr. Justice Sly.)

ADJOURNED, PENDING SETTLEMENT.

In the matter of the application to enforce an award in the arbitration between T. H. Chapman and H. G. Grace, and another, an adjournment for a week was arranged as negotiations for a settlement were pending. Mr. Monahan appeared for the applicant, and Mr. D. G. Ferguson for the respondent.

STRUCK OUT.

Re Bridget Turner (T. Quinn and another, respondents).

In this case, which was a tenancy dispute, there was no appearance, and it was struck out.

APPEAL IN A TENANCY CASE.

Re Mary Dwyer and another (H. G. Quinlan and others, respondents).

Mr. L. Armstrong, instructed by Mr. W. Carter Smith, appeared for Mary Dwyer and Stella Colgin, restaurant keepers, on an appeal against the decision of Acting District Court Judge Hamilton, sitting as a Chairman of Quarter Sessions. Mr. Flannery, instructed by Messrs. Hughes and Hughes, appeared for the respondents, Henry Gregory Quinlan, John Hughes, and Thomas Hughes, in support of the decision. It appeared that on the 1st May last, Mr. A. N. Barnett, S.M., made an order at the Water Police Court adjudging Messrs. John Hughes and Thomas Hughes to be entitled, as against the appellants, to possession of certain premises in Elizabeth-street. Dwyer and Colgin appealed to the Chairman of Quarter Sessions, under section 122 of the Justices Act of 1902. Mr. Flannery raised the objection that Acting Judge Hamilton had no jurisdiction to hear an appeal against the order, and this contention being upheld, his Honor declined to hear the appeal, and the question was whether he was right in his decision.

The case stands part heard.

IN EQUITY.

(Before Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson.)

AN INFANT'S LOAN.

Thomson v Maxwell.

Judgment was delivered in the case in which Alexander Thomson sought to restrain Mary Eva Maxwell from further proceeding against him in an action to recover a certain certificate of title, submitted to be held by him in respect of certain moneys advanced to defendant before she became of age.

The Court held that of the money advanced to defendant by plaintiff, £31 3s 10 had been expended on necessaries; that plaintiff's solicitors' taxed costs should also be classed as necessaries. It also ordered an inquiry by the Master in Equity as to what other sums had been spent on necessaries, and reserved the question of further consideration and costs. An interim injunction, granted on November 5 last, to restrain defendant from further proceeding against plaintiff in respect of the certificate of title, was dissolved.

IN DIVORCE.

(Before Mr. Justice Simpson.)

SWAN v SWAN.

Mr. Bradburn, instructed by Messrs. Russell and Son, of Wollongong (by their agent, Mr. A. C. Gill), appeared for the petitioner; and Mr. Nicholas, instructed by Messrs. P. J. Pratt, Owen, and Son, of Wollongong (by Mr. J. H. Clayton), for the respondent. This was a suit brought by Charlotte Swan for the dissolution of her marriage with Leslie William Swan, of Dapto, the grounds advanced being habitual drunkenness and cruelty, and that respondent had repeatedly assaulted and beaten the petitioner. The respondent denied the allegations made against him.

His Honor reserved judgment.

ROBERTS v ROBERTS.

Mr. Coyle, instructed by Messrs. MacDonell and Moffitt, appeared for the petitioner; and Mr. MacLaurin, instructed by Messrs. Westgarth, Nathan, and Co., for the respondent. This was a suit brought by Maude Roberts (formerly Cruickshank) against Charles Warman Roberts for a dissolution of her marriage with respondent, the ground alleged being adultery between April 27, 1903, and May 1 of the same year with one Lily Warner, at Woy Woy. The parties were married on September 22, 1896, at St. John's, Darlinghurst.

His Honor, after hearing the evidence, granted a decree nisi, returnable in six months. He also made an order for the payment by respondent to petitioner of £2 10s per week for her own maintenance, and 10s per week for each of the four children. Respondent to have access to the children at stated periods and on certain conditions.

EVANS v EVANS.

Mr. R. W. Fraser appeared for the petitioner, Jessie Wilson Evans, who sued for dissolution of her marriage with Lewis John Evans on the ground of desertion by the respondent without just cause or excuse for three years and upwards. The respondent did not appear.

After hearing evidence, his Honor granted a decree nisi, returnable in six months.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

(Before the Acting Registrar, Mr. Salusbury.)

MOTIONS UNDER SECTION 61.

Re Ronald Douglas Greville Macpherson. Order made that bankrupt pay out of his salary £1 per month to the official assignee. First payment to be made October 31.

Re Henry Herman Proctor Lublin. Order made for payment of £1 per month out of salary to official assignee. First payment to be made January 7.

VOLUNTARY SEQUESTRATION.

Charles Albers Fuller, labourer, of Dubbo. Mr. W. H. Palmer, official assignee.

CREDITORS' PETITIONS.

John Kilgour, of Florence-street, Neutral Bay, slater, versus Edward Skelton Garton of Middle Harbour and Stock Exchange, Pitt-street, architect. The hearing of the petition was fixed for August 4.

The Scottish-Australian Investment Company, Ltd., of Phillip-street, Sydney, versus William Longmore, of North Berry Jerry, via Coolamon, farmer. The hearing was fixed for August 10.

LAND APPEAL COURT.

(Before Mr. H. A. G. Curry, President, and Mr. C. Brandis and Mr. W. Houston, members.)

J. Murdock appealed against the decision of the Cooma Land Board in respect of his claim against James Rolfe for contribution towards the cost of making rabbit-proof fence on the common boundaries between his portions 4 and 33, parish of Peters, and 174 and 149, parish of Bungarby, county of Wellesley, and James Rolfe's portion 28, parish of Peters, and 98, parish of Bungarby, county of Wellesley, land district of Cooma.

Mr. Pike appeared for the appellant, and Mr. Dawson for the respondent. Decision was reserved.

Decision was reserved in respect to the Minister's reference for determination of the annual rent of William Horace Clemson's settlement lease, No. 1117, Condobolin. Mr. Ewart appeared for Clemson.

W. Eason, J. E. Bennett, and A. E. Haylock appealed against the confirmation of Edwin Gordon Foggo's original settlement lease application, No. 1908-1, Hay, and against the disallowance of their original settlement lease applications (unnumbered), Hay.

The three cases were heard together. Mr. Pike appeared for the three appellants, and Mr. Gibson for the respondents.

The board reserved its decision.

BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION NOT FINAL.

The President delivered the Court's decision in respect of John Young Bell's appeal against the recommendation of the Walgett Board regarding the proposed transfer of the settlement lease of the Mutual Life Association of Australasia No. 991, Walgett.

He said that in this case a proposal was made to transfer a settlement lease of 2560 acres to the appellant, and, under sub-section f of section 25 of the C.L. Act of 1895, it rested with the Minister whether he would give his consent. The Court understood that the Minister referred the proposal to the Land Board for report on certain specific questions, and it was against the board's recommendation that the appeal was directed. The application for consent to the proposed transfer was made on March 19, 1907. The Land Board dealt with the matter on May 13, 1908, when they considered another proposal for the transfer of the lease to one G. H. Hodgson, who already held settlement lease No. 726. In the latter case the board said: "We approve of G. H. Hodgson, the holder of settlement lease 726, acquiring by transfer settlement lease 991." The Court inferred from this that the two matters arose under different sections of the Act. Hodgson's application to acquire the lease was subsequent to the appellant's application, and as the recommendation of the board, like the Court's, in the appellant's case, was not binding on the Minister, the Court thought it would have been appropriate for the board to have deferred dealing with Hodgson's case until the Minister had decided whether he would or would not give his consent to the appellant acquiring the lease in question. The board acted as if the final disposal of the matter rested with them. The only evidence in the present case was given by the appellant and his brother-in-law.

It appeared that when the appellant sought to acquire the lease he held a half-share in 15,555 acres of c.p. and c.l. land, and a half-share in an improvement lease of 2560 acres—i.e., about 9067 acres. The property was mortgaged to the amount of £11,300. To escape from this responsibility he agreed to sell part of his interest to his brother, George Bell, and would then have a fifth share in the 15,555 acres. In speaking of his interest he excluded the improvement lease on the ground that it was subject to certain rights of withdrawal, and that it was not a holding particulars of which were required by the declaration he had to make. The land board took the view that the arrangements referred to were at present only in the air, and certainly the evidence was calculated to give this impression, although in his address before the Court the appellant stated that the arrangements had matured. He, however, put it that even if the case had to be considered on the basis of what he held when his application was made he would not have an excess area if he acquired the settlement lease in question. When he was before the board his intention was called to certain evidence he had given on previous occasions, which pointed in the direction that a less area than the total he would hold would be sufficient; but taking the evidence as a whole the carrying capacity of the land would not be great, and although the land (which was about 20 miles from Walgett) had agricultural possibilities, these were discounted by the uncertain rainfall and cost of carriage. The case was by no means free from difficulty, but the Court thought the board used a somewhat unhappy phrase, which the appellant strongly resented, in described him as a failure. He asserted that he had always paid his dues to the Crown, and urged that his financial difficulties in the past should not preclude him from being an acceptable tenant. The board was satisfied that the transaction was a bona-fide one, and that went a long way in the case, as it disposed of a suspicion which might arise that the new arrangement was part of a scheme for the appellant or those interested to acquire more land. The appellant was entitled to the benefit of any doubt on this head, but consent to the transfer should be dependent upon the Minister being satisfied upon further proof that the arrangements said to have been made had actually been completed. To that extent the Court sustained the appeal. Deposit to be refunded.

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LAW NOTICES.

FRIDAY, JULY 31.

HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA.

At 10.30 a.m.—For judgment: Sparke v Osborne; Doodeward v Spence. For hearing: Fielding and another v Houison and others; Tovey and others v same, part heard; Peter and another v Shipway.

SUPREME COURT.

Term List.—Crown Cases: Rex v Donohue and Albert Hardy; Rex v Michael O'Brien; Rex v George Beattie. Motions, etc.: Ex parte Mary Dwyer (mandamus), part heard; ex parte James W. Evans, prohibition; ex parte John J. W. Kissane, mandamus.

Prothonotary's Office.—Before the Chief Clerk.—Taylor v Taylor, Williams co-respondent, 10.15 a.m.; Hayes v Hayes, Cameron co-respondent, 10.15 a.m.

Chamber List.—At 9.30 a.m.—Blackmore v Lenthall, to enter suggestion; Paterson and Co., Ltd., v Campbell, to amend declaration and particulars.

Probate Jurisdiction.—The following Accounts will be taken at the Probate Office:—William Dennis Macnamara, 10; William Blacks, 10.30; Cosman Nettheim, 11.

In Equity.—Before the Chief Judge in Equity.—At 10 a.m.—Motions generally: Gilder v Haigh, originating summons; Lewis v Jackson, motion for decree; Milford v Sturt, originating summons; Baker v Baker, originating summons; re will of J. E. Holdsworth and Conveyancing Act, petition for leave to sell; Douglas v Douglas, further consideration; Asprey v Todd, further consideration; Watts v Borrowdale and others, originating summons; Perpetual Trustee Co. v Riley and others, originating summons; re will of Daniel Cooper and Conveyancing Act, summons for appointment of trustee; Ferris v Loftus, motion for decree.

Before the Master in Equity.—At 12 noon: Madden v Madden, to settle draft certificate. At 12.15 p.m.: Re will of Wm. Guise and Trustee Act, to approve of payment out. At 12.30 p.m.: Rolfe v Rolfe, sep. Ac. E. J. Rolfe, to approve of order for payment out. At 12.45 p.m.: Thompson v Donald, to fix amount due under mortgage. At 2 p.m.: Farmers and Settlers' Co.-op. Society, Ltd., and Companies Act, to settle conditions of sale. At 2.30 p.m.: Estate of Chas. Burns and Conveyancing Act, to approve of order for payment out. At 2.45 p.m.: Yeager v Barter, for directions.

Before the Deputy Registrar.—At 11 a.m.: Farmers and Settlers' Co.-op. Society, Ltd., and Companies Act, to settle minutes of order. At 2.15 p.m.: Minister for Works and Cox, to tax costs.

In Bankruptcy.—Before the Acting Registrar, at 10 a.m.—Creditor's petition: Henry Gunther Rienets v J. D. Pattison. Before the Chief Clerk, at 10.30 a.m.—Taxation of Official Assignee's costs, Leyser Levin.

In Lunacy.—Before the Master, at 10.30 a.m.—Re insane person, for directions.

INDUSTRIAL COURT.

Probate Court, Queen's-square, at 10 a.m.—For hearing: Re Shore Drivers and Fire Union, for appointment of members of board, without election, for southern collieries; re same union, for appointment of members of board, without election, for Maitland collieries; re same union, for appointment of members of board, without election, for western collieries and shale mines; re same union, for appointment of members of board, without election, for Newcastle collieries; the Amalgamated Hotel and Caterers' Employees' Mutual Benefit Association of New South Wales, application for constitution of board; application by J. Goodwin and others, re industry of persons employed in glass works as glaziers, bevellers, silverers, etc., application for constitution of board; the Hotel, Club, Restaurant, and Caterers' Employees' Union of New South Wales, for constitution of board; Amalgamated Journeymen Tailors' Association of New South Wales, for constitution of board.

POLICE COURTS.

BREACH OF THE SECOND-HAND DEALERS ACT.

William Nicol, second-hand dealer, of Alfred-street, North Sydney, was charged at the North Sydney Summons Court yesterday with having failed to notify the police of a pair of trousers which came into his possession answering the description of an article described as having been stolen in a written information given to him by Constable Pether. Defendant pleaded guilty, and as it was his second offence he was fined £5 and costs, or in default two months' imprisonment.

THE TRAMWAY TROUBLE.

Before Mr. King yesterday, at the Water Police Court, James Sylvester Ryan, 31, was charged with using insulting words, viz., "you scab," to Geo. Thos. Wilkins, a tram driver, on July 29. A fine of £2 was imposed, or in default 14 days' imprisonment.

ALLEGED BREAKING AND ENTERING.

Michael Harold Simpson, 22, a canvasser, was charged at the Water Police Court yesterday with having, on or about May 10, broken and entered the shop of Joseph Larensen, 248A Pitt-street, and stolen about 1380 cigarettes and £1 4s 6d in money, of the value in all of about £3 5s 6d. The evidence was to the effect that on the night of May 11 the shop was entered by means of a fanlight, and a quantity of cigarettes and money were stolen. A boy named Gourlay deposed that he was asked by accused to keep watch in a lane, and when the lad saw accused again he was given 10s by the accused. Accused at the time was carrying a parcel, which he left at a certain coffee stall. The parcel was eventually returned to Larensen by the coffee stall keeper. Accused, who reserved his defence, was committed for trial.

A CAPITAL CHARGE.

At the Burwood Police Court on Tuesday, before Mr. E. L. Maitland, D.S.M., a young man named John Wassell was charged with having committed a capital offence upon a married woman in Victoria-street, Ashfield, on July 17. Mr. R. Cecil Cape appeared for the defendant, who reserved his defence. Wassell was committed for trial at the Central Criminal Court on August 31. Bail was refused.

Wassell was then presented on another charge of attempting to commit a serious assault upon another woman at Ashfield on July 19. In this case also defendant reserved his defence, and was committed for trial at the Central Criminal Court.

ASSAULTING THE POLICE.

A case involving charges of using bad language and assaulting the police was heard at the Burwood Police Court yesterday, and Mr. E. L. Maitland, D.S.M., imposed heavy punishment. Thomas Curry, for using bad language on Burwood station on July 29, was fined £5, in default two months' imprisonment. For assaulting Senior-sergeant Smith on the same occasion, Curry was bound over to be of good behaviour for six months in his own surety of £20, and two in £10, or one in £20, in default two months' imprisonment.

HOTEL TRANSFERS.

The following transfers of hotel licenses were effected yesterday at the Central Police Court:—Rob Roy Hotel, Adolphus-street, Balmain, William T. Chittern to James M'Donald; Rush's Family Hotel, Oxford-street, Waverley, William Rush to Joseph Murphy; Australian Hotel, Market and Kent streets, William F. Schulstad to Thomas Arthur; Market Hotel, Market-street, George S. Phillips to Charles Eadie; New Zealand Hotel, Sussex and Margaret streets, Thomas Mahon to Thomas Jones; Merton Estate Hotel, Weston-road, Balmain, Arthur William Preston to Alfred George Ridd.

COWPER AND NEWTON MUSEUM

The movement inaugurated eight years ago in the direction of founding a museum at Olney, in memory of the poet Cowper, has met with sufficient response to justify the Bishop of Durham appealing to all English-speaking people for sufficient funds to modestly endow the Cowper and Newton Museum. The institution at present has hardly sufficient funds for its maintenance, and the committee are appealing for £2200 to form an endowment, besides asking those who have relics of Cowper and Rev. John Newton to present them to the museum at Olney, Bucks.

MOSMAN.

Miss A. Davey, "Pentowan," Spofforth-street, Mosman, N.S.W., writes:—"We have used Dr. Sheldon's New Discovery for coughs and colds, and find it very valuable."

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THE LITHGOW CRISIS.

WAS THERE A LOCK-OUT?

CASE BEFORE INDUSTRIAL COURT.

Before Judge Heydon, in the Industrial Court yesterday, Mr. Blacket, instructed by the Crown Solicitor, appeared in support of two informations, one against G. and C. Hoskins, Limited, and the other against Charles Hoskins. Both informations are in respect of the alleged lock-out at the Lithgow works. Mr. Kelynack, instructed by Mr. H. S. Williams, appeared for the respondents.

Mr. Kelynack asked for an adjournment, on the ground that Mr. George Hoskins, at whose house a summons had been left last Thursday, was ill, and unable to transact business except of the most pressing urgency. Mr. Charles Hoskins had not been served with his summons till last Saturday afternoon, and was much pressed for time, having his brother's work also to attend to. It would be necessary to get information from Lithgow, and Mr. C. Hoskins would have to make inquiries regarding accounts to support his case, and the time given was exceedingly short in any case. The respondents asked for reasonable time in which to prepare their cases.

His Honor: What is a reasonable time?

Mr. Kelynack: That depends upon how long the Messrs. Hoskins' time is left free. At present they are preparing for the Wages Board, which, I understand, is fixed for Monday. The question before the Wages Board is of far greater importance than this particular question.

His Honor: Is it necessary to get a lot of details in regard to this matter?

Mr. Kelynack: Yes. If the Crown is going to press this matter I must take it seriously and put the fullest information before the Court. Repairs are now being effected extensively, and I want to show the whole history of the case, and how the particular portion of the works became closed down. Mr. Hoskins feels that while the Wages Board is sitting he should not be prejudiced by any proceedings in this court. I ask for a fortnight's adjournment at least. There are at present 220 men in active work. Repairs are being effected, and until those repairs are effected no other men can possibly be taken on.

Mr. Blacket: My friend has done nothing to justify the application made. He expresses doubt as to whether this is a serious prosecution.

Mr. Kelynack: It might be like the tramway prosecutions. They were abandoned.

Mr. Blacket: I don't know anything about that. This prosecution is under the most essential clause of the whole Act, and the offence charged is a very serious one, involving a very heavy penalty. I will show that they were working under an award; that there were negotiations regarding wages; that the negotiations were suddenly terminated; and that the works closed down. This prosecution is entirely distinct and separate from any question that will be raised before the Wages Board. The question is whether they shut down the works with a view to compelling their employees to accept lower wages.

His Honor: I think there ought to be some adjournment in this matter. I certainly think that a charge of this kind is a very important one. It is an allegation of an offence against a very important section of the Act—a part which gives me disciplinary jurisdiction for the purpose of preserving continuity of industrial operations and industrial peace. I don't see myself how the case can affect the Wages Board. The question is, Has there been a lock-out? A fortnight's adjournment will be granted, but no longer.

Mr. Kelynack pleaded not guilty on behalf of both respondents.

INVERELL-GLEN INNES RAILWAY.

GLEN INNES, Thursday.

At a public meeting in the Town Hall on Wednesday evening, it was decided that, taking into consideration the importance of Inverell and Glen Innes districts, and the fact that repeated promises have been made for the construction of a railway line connecting these great centres, this meeting unanimously urges the member for the district to call immediate attention to this matter in Parliament by advocating the inclusion of the proposal in the Government railway scheme to be submitted this session.

The announcement in the "Sydney Morning Herald" which reached here this morning intimating that the line would be included in list for consideration has given satisfaction, as since 1884 the line has been repeatedly promised, and looked upon as being one of the most important branch lines in the State.

A HIGH HONOUR.

PEARS, Soapmakers by Special Appointment to his Majesty the King.—Advt.

THE RATING OF CHURCHES.

RANDWICK APPEALS.

At the Paddington Court yesterday argument was heard by Mr. Macfarlane, S.M., on the question of the municipal rating of church and church property in Randwick. Exemption from taxation is claimed by all the churches.

Mr. M. J. Brown (Messrs. Brown and Beeby) appeared for the council; Mr. J. A. I. Perry for the appellants of the Anglican Church; and Mr. J. J. Carroll for the Roman Catholic appellants.

The point was taken by Mr. Brown that the magistrate could deal only with the question of values, as the principle of rating was for the higher Court.

Mr. Carroll submitted that as four magistrates had already decided that they had power to deal with the question of exemptions, the magisterial Court is the proper tribunal.

Mr. Macfarlane held that he had power to decide whether church properties were rateable or not. He held that all places used exclusively for the purposes of public worship were exempt, as were parsonages, manses, vicarages, presbyteries, and such places set apart for church purposes. In the case of church, schools, and halls, places which were attached to churches but not used exclusively for purposes of public worship, Mr. Macfarlane held that they were rateable.

Evidence was then gone into with regard to amount of assessment, and in several cases substantial reductions were made.

CHURCH OR NO CHURCH?

Some interesting points with regard to the assessments by the Woollahra Council were presented yesterday at the Paddington Court for the decision of Mr. Macfarlane, S.M., in connection with the rating of church properties.

An objection was taken by the trustees of the Waverley Methodist Church to the rating of the old church building, which has been superseded by the new structure for the purposes of public worship. The principle of assessing was at stake. In this case Mr. J. C. Kershaw appeared for the appellants, and Mr. C. Tayler (Messrs. Dowling and Tayler) was for the Woollahra Council. The assessors, Messrs. Cleary and Howard, were also in attendance. The ground taken by the appellants was that the building was used to engender only moral and religious principles. On the other hand, the council claimed that on occasion the building had been used for other than the purposes indicated, two instances being furnished when social and political functions had been held therein.

Evidence in support of the trustees was given by Mr. Joseph Vickery (secretary, treasurer, and circuit steward), to the effect that all the proceeds from the letting of the hall for purely religious and moral purposes were devoted to the funds of the church. The new church had, in fact, been built to accommodate the increase in the congregation. There was no difference so far as the purposes of the two buildings were concerned. The old building was for the connexion. With regard to the two occasions on which the building had been let for other than moral or religious objects, the witness emphasised the fact that that had been effected without the consent of the church authorities. The old building was, moreover, used for worship in mid-week services, and on minor occasions.

The Rev. T. B. Holmes gave evidence that services were held in the building on Wednesday nights, and on other occasions when it was considered that the new building was too large.

According to the evidence of Mr. W. H. Howard, one of the assessors, who had made inquiries regarding the charges for hiring the hall, the cost was 15s a night, with the use of the piano.

The magistrate ruled that the evidence showed that the building had not been used exclusively for public worship. On that ground, therefore, it was rateable.

The assessments, as finally adjusted, were:—Unimproved capital value, £4500; improved capital value, £4700.

SHIRE COUNCILS.

CASINO.—Messrs. F. G. Crouch and W. H. Simpson have been appointed delegates to attend the local government conference to be held in Sydney.

GUNNING.—It was decided to fix license fees for butchers' shops at 2s 6d, and butchers' cutting-carts at 10s. The half-yearly financial statement presented by the clerk showed the rates leviable amounted to £1414, rates paid £1120, outstanding rates (including arrears) £253. The credit-balances (general fund) in the different ridings were as follow: Riding A, £174; B, £978; C, £290. The sum of £1079 had been spent on works for the half-year. The cash credit on June 30 was £1533.

NATTAI (Bowral).—At the last meeting of the council the president reported having met the Mayor of Moss Vale with regard to the upkeep of the Bong Bong bridge, and they had decided to send a deputation to the Minister to ask that the bridge be proclaimed a national work, or failing, that the Government be asked to erect a new bridge and hand it over to the councils for maintenance. As the Shellharbour Council again declined to share the cost of opening up a new road on the boundary of that municipality and the Nattai Shire, which the latter considered a necessary work, it was decided that the Minister be asked to have it carried out as a boundary work and the cost divided. In response to the council's invitation to Wingecarribee Shire to arrange a conference in order to discuss a proposal for the amalgamation of the two shires, a letter was received from Wingecarribee declining to arrange a meeting for that purpose. It was decided to co-operate with Lachlan Shire in endeavouring to have a declaration made yearly by all owners and occupiers of land as to how it is held, and the rental paid. A motion was carried that the Postmaster-General be asked to extend the system of penny postage throughout the whole of the Nattai Shire. The clerk was granted a rise of 10s per week in his salary.

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BIRTHS.

RAE.—July 21, at Royston, The Mall, Glebe, the wife of Alex. Rae, Willaroo, Moree—a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

GLENCROSS-GRANT—CHADWICK.—July 10, 1908, at Alabama, Forest-road, Hurstville, by the Rev. George T. Walden, M.A., K. Glencross Grant, manager of Massey-Harris Co., Ltd., for New South Wales and Queensland, to Ida Pauline Chadwick, of Sydney.

DEATHS.

BOVARD.—Austin, son of the late John Bovard, aged 15 years.

BROWN.—July 29, at her residence, 72 Toogood-street, Erskineville, Mrs. J. Brown, late of Broadway, Glebe, after lingering illness, age 49. Home papers please copy.

BUSBY.—July 28, 1908, at Clyde Bank, Dubbo, George Busby, of Maiala, aged 44 years, eldest son of the late John Busby, of Bathurst.

CHRISTIE.—July 29, 1908, at Sydney Hospital, Charles Malville, dearly loved husband of Elizabeth Christie, of 253 Oxford-street, Darlinghurst, after a short illness, in his 50th year.

DIXON.—July 30, at his residence, Keira, Selwyn-street, Wollstonecraft, Horace Clendon Dixon, late of Bank of Australasia, aged 71 years.

LENNIE.—July 30, at the Manly Cottage Hospital, Robert McFarlane Lennie, late of Parramatta, only surviving son of the late G. M. Lennie, merchant, Perth, Scotland, in his 61st year. Home papers please copy.

MARSON.—July 30, at the Marrickville Hospital, Charles John Marson (late of Barton's Circus), nephew of Mr. F. Roebuck, of Leichhardt, aged 42 years.

STEWART.—July 13, 1908, at Arsomble, Tenterfield, Mary Ann, wife of Alexander C. Stewart, Millera Station, aged 62 years.

SONTER.—July 30, at his residence, High-street, Epping, James Sonter, aged 59 years.

WADE.—July 29, at Longueville, William Fleming Wade, aged 40 years.

IN MEMORIAM.

BRENNAN.—In loving memory of my dear wife, Mary Agnes, who departed this life at Wollongong on July 29, 1907. Inserted by her loving husband, John Thomas Brennan.

CLORAN.—In affectionate remembrance of Mary Isabella, beloved wife of Peter J. Cloran, who died on July 31, 1906. R.I.P.

GIBBONS.—In ever-loving remembrance of my dearly beloved wife, Sarah Jane Gibbons, who departed this life July 31, 1905, aged 59 years. R.I.P.
Time does not alter love so deep and true.
Three years, dear wife, bring back my grief anew;
I miss you and mourn you in silence unseen,
And dwell on the memory of days that have been.
Inserted by her loving husband, John Gibbons.

GIBBONS.—In ever-affectionate memory of our dear mother, Sarah Jane Gibbons, who departed this life July 31, 1905, aged 59 years. R.I.P.
We cannot clasp your hand,
Your dear face we cannot see;
Yet let this little token tell
We still remember thee.
Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, May and Thomas Beatty.

GIBBONS.—In sad and loving memory of our dearly beloved mother, Jane Gibbons, who departed this life July 31, 1905, aged 59 years, late of Bourke-street, Surry Hills.
Good was her heart, in friendship sound,
Patient in pain, and loved all round;
Sweet to our memory, dear to our heart,
And love to her memory never shall part.
Inserted by her loving son, Thomas Gibbons.

GIBBONS.—In loving memory of my dear mother, Jane Gibbons, who departed this life, July 31st, 1905, aged 59 years. Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, Mary and William Mowll.
Sadly we miss you, but yet in our sorrow
Hopes for the future can banish the pain.
Faith points the way to a brighter the morrow,
And whispers to us we'll meet you again.

GIBBONS.—In loving memory of my dearly beloved mother, Sarah Jane (Jennie) Gibbons, who parted from those she loved at 697 Bourke-street, Surry Hills, in her 59th year, 1905. Inserted by her eldest daughter and son-in-law, Alice and Henry Hore, and grandchildren Charlotte, Elsie, Harry, Florrie, Jane, and Dave. R.I.P.

GIBBONS.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Sarah Jane Gibbons, who departed this life July 31, 1905. Inserted by her loving son, daughter, and son-in-law, Ernie, Lena, and Walter Willott.

GIBBONS.—In sad and loving memory of my dear mother, who passed away on July 31st, 1905, in her 59th year.
I miss you and mourn you in silence unseen,
And dwell on the memories of days that have been.
Though gone and forgotten by some you may be,
The grave that contains you is sacred to me.
Inserted by her loving daughter, Lilly, son-in-law Ned, and grandchildren Lilly, Ruby, and Eddie. Mrs. E. Conroy.

GIBBONS.—In sad and loving memory of my dear mother and grandmother, Jane Gibbons, who departed this life July 31st, 1905, in her 58th year. Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, Eva, Tom, and little George Gaut. Never forgotten.

GIBBONS.—In sad and loving memory of my dear mother and grandmother, Jane Gibbons, who departed this life July 31st, 1905, in her 59th year. Inserted by her sorrowful daughter, Florrie, and grandchildren Flossy and Jacky Flanagan. Mother, it is just three years but we have missed you. R.I.P.

GIBBONS.—In loving memory of my dear mother, Jane Gibbons, who departed this life, July 31, 1905. Sweet Jesus, have mercy on her soul. Inserted by her loving son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. Gibbons, and grandchildren.

GIBBONS.—A loving tribute to the memory of our dearest friend, Mrs. Gibbons, who left us in her 59th year on July 31st, 1905, at 697 Bourke-street, Surry Hills. Sadly missed. Inserted by her loving friend, Mrs. Rodney, and son Johnnie.

HANSON.—In memory of Ernest A. G. Hanson, who died July 31st, 1904. Always remembered by J.H., F.S., and B.H.

HORSNELL.—In sad but loving memory of my beloved wife and our dear mother, who departed this life 31st July, 1903. Inserted by her loving husband and children.

LASSLETT.—In ever loving remembrance of our darling little grandson and nephew, Gordon Abbott, who fell asleep on July 31, 1907, at his parents' residence, Fernhill. Our bud in heaven. Inserted by his ever-loving grandmother, E. Hickey, and aunties Maud and Hannah.

LLOYD.—A tribute of love to the memory of my dear wife, Maria Eleanor, who fell asleep in Jesus, July 31, 1907. Inserted by her loving husband, Philip H. Lloyd.

LLOYD.—In loving memory of our dear mother, who died July 31, 1907. We miss you sadly to-day, dear mother. Inserted by her loving children, Connie and Lily.

LYNDON.—In loving memory of our dear daughter and sister, Elizabeth Janet, who departed this life July 31st, 1907. There is sweet rest in heaven. Inserted by her loving parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Lyndon and family, Clarissa and Claude, and sister and brother-in-law, Tom and Moss Jarvis.

M'DOUGALL.—In loving memory of our dear daughter and sister, Isa M'Dougall, who departed this life on July 31, 1904. Inserted by her loving father and mother, brothers and sisters.

M'LISTER.—In sad but loving memory of our dear brothers, Hugh and James, who were killed in Mount Kembla explosion, July 31, 1902. Inserted by their loving brothers, Dave and John M'Lister.

McNAMARA.—In loving memory of my dear husband and our dear father, James McNamara, who departed this life July 31st, 1905. Inserted by his loving wife and children, son, and daughter-in-law. R.I.P.

MEREDITH.—In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Stanley Esmond Rixon Meredith, who departed this life July 30, 1907.
'Tis hard to part with one so dear,
We little thought his time was near;
Although he's gone, we know 'tis best,
Our darling son has gone to rest.
Inserted by Henry, Annie, and Lindsay Meredith.

MORRIS.—In loving memory of our darling mother, Alicia Theresa (Lill), who departed this life July 31st, 1904. Inserted by her loving children, Lyall, Muriel, and Leslie.

MORRIS.—In ever loving memory of our dear Lil, who departed this life on July 31, 1904. Inserted by her loving brother and sister-in-law, Joe and Amy Gannon.

NIBLETT.—In affectionate remembrance of my mother, Alice Niblett, who died July 31, 1907, aged 52 years. Inserted by her son, Frank D. Niblett.

PETERS.—In everlasting memory of my dear husband and our dear father, James Peters, who departed this life July 31st, 1906. Inserted by his loving wife and children. Gone but not forgotten.

PHILLIPS.—In loving memory of our dear father, John Phillips, who departed this life July 31, 1907.
We miss you and mourn you in silence unseen,
And dwell on the memories of days that have been—
Though gone and forgotten by some you may be,
The grave that contains you is sacred to us.
Sweet to my memory, dear to my heart,
My love to your memory never shall part.
Inserted by his loving daughter, Louisa, and son-in-law, and grandchildren, William Derley.

POPE.—In memoriam of my dear wife and our dear mother, Annie Pope, who departed this life July 31, 1907. Inserted by her loving husband and sons, Malcolm, Edward, and Walter. New Zealand papers please copy.

POPE.—In memoriam of our dear mother, Anne Pope, who departed this life July 31, 1907. Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, Anne and George.

POPE.—In memoriam of our dear mother, Anne Pope, who departed this life July 31, 1907. Inserted by her loving son and daughter-in-law, John and Florrie.

RICHARDS.—In loving memory of my dear wife and our mother, Mary Ann (Annie), who departed this life July 31, 1908. Leaves may wither, but memory never. Inserted by her loving husband and children.

ROBINSON.—In sad but loving memory of my dear husband and our father, William Robinson, who passed away July 31st, 1907, aged 73. Inserted by his loving wife and family, Elsie, Emma, and Harriett. At rest.

ROBINSON.—In loving memory of father and grandfather, William, who departed this life July the 31st, 1907, at his late residence, Windsor-street, Paddington. Inserted by his loving daughter and granddaughter, Rebecca and Violet. Rest in peace.

SMITH.—In loving memory of my dear wife, Rose Ann Smith, who departed this life, at her residence, Wallwood, Crown-street, near William-street, on July 31. Inserted by her loving husband, Will. Smith.

SMITH.—In loving remembrance of my darling mother, Rose Ann Smith, who departed this life July 31st. Inserted by her loving daughter Tot.

SMITH.—Sacred to the memory of our dear Rose, who died twelve months to-day. Sweet Jesus, have mercy on her soul. Inserted by her affectionate mother and sister, Mrs. Dorhan and Mrs. Dewar.

TREFRY (nee BALES).—In loving memory of my dear father, who departed this life April 21, 1895; also my darling mother, who passed peacefully away July 31, 1905. As the ivy clings to the oak so my memory clings to thee, dear parents. Inserted by their loving daughter, Katie Bales.

TREFRY.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Amy Trefry, who died July 31, 1905.
We cannot clasp thy hands, dear mother,
Thy face we cannot see;
But let this little token tell
We still remember thee.
Inserted by her loving sons, Charles, Thomas, and Fred. Bales.

TREFRY (nee BALES).—In fond and loving remembrance of our darling mother, who fell asleep in Jesus, July 31st, 1905. Inserted by her loving children.

THOM.—In loving memory of my dear friend, Connie Thom, who died at St. Vincent's Hospital, July 31, 1904, late Hotel Cecil, George-street.
Oh, for the touch of a vanished hand
And the sound of a voice that is stilled.
Inserted by her loving friends, J. and H. P. Keppie, Auburn.

RETURN THANKS.

Mr. A. C. ROSS desires to return sincere THANKS to the many kind friends, who sent telegrams, letters, and floral tributes in his late sad bereavement; also the Rev. Mr. Howard, of Gladesville.

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The Sydney Morning Herald.

FRIDAY, JULY 31, 1908.

SERVANTS OF THE STATE.

Nothing has perhaps so impressed the public in the strike now happily ended as the unreason of servants of the State combining to throw State services into confusion. It has been felt everywhere that the merits of the recent dispute could not be discussed while the tramways were kept idle, and many people who sympathised with the men declared roundly that it was treason to the State to hold the community by the throat. The truism does not require an apology. What is beginning to dawn upon persons who before gave the matter little or no thought is the truth that servants of the State are not in the same category as servants of private employers. The realisation of this has moved several of our correspondents to insist that unionism should not be allowed in the Public Service. In Victoria four or five years ago the abuse by Civil servants of their privileges, in attempting to force concessions from Parliament by throwing a mass vote against various candidates in the several electorates, reached its climax in the railway strike. The State at once met the difficulty by practically disfranchising them, or, at any rate, by treating them as a class with only sectional rights. They were given the franchise, but could only exercise it in selecting an odd member or so for themselves. This discrimination has since been removed, it is true, but the lesson behind it has been learned. Servants of the State must be true to the State—that is the first commandment with promise. They cannot treat the public as a private employer is treated, because the people as a whole are represented by Parliament, and Parliament is specially open to the appeal of those who are paid by it.

Every section of employees in the community has the right of appeal to Parliament, but as compared with Civil servants no body of workers has equal access or a like claim. We do not, however, argue from this that there should be no unions in the Public Service. So long as the principle is admitted that servants of the State can never abandon the State—that they cannot strike even if other servants take the law into their own hands—there is no reason whatever why they should not unite to create a common interest and present a solid front on all matters of direct concern to themselves. The State, of course, has a corresponding duty. It must see that its servants are specially cared for and fairly worked. In New South Wales, at any rate, the Civil Service has little to grumble at. The railway employees, who have done their duty so loyally in the recent crisis, enjoy privileges which must make railway servants elsewhere envious. To have taken part in a strike against the public under such conditions would have been suicidal. But in any case the remedies for grievances are so easily reached through Parliament that there can be not the slightest excuse for public servants allowing the Labour Council, or any other body, to use them as a weapon against the State. We may look back upon the recent strike and give a sigh of relief. Our best thanks are due to the Premier, to the Chief Railway Commissioner and his colleagues, and not least to those who stood by them so loyally in the railway and tramway service; but as a community we have suddenly realised that there is a species of treason which cannot be tolerated for one moment. The servant of the State must be true to his trust.

LAND HUNGER.

A correspondent reminded us a day or so ago that for nineteen blocks on the Dorrigo recently there were 159 applicants, and he urged with some force that the present ballot system is by no means the best for assisting settlement. The least likely farmer stands an equal chance with the best, and with a limited number of valuable areas to be distributed the choice of settlers becomes little better than a gamble. Just what is involved may be seen in our telegram yesterday from Moree. For three blocks there were 274 land-hungry folk, who made 822 applications and deposited £19,000. We do not need to dwell upon the lottery side of this particular scramble, except as it shows how imperative has become the demand for a better system. People do not rush for farms unless they can see money in them, and under existing conditions farming appeals to thousands of likely men as it never appealed before. Therefore, directly it is known that good land may be obtained from the Government in districts like Moree and the Dorrigo on easy terms, even though the chances are a hundred to one against success at the ballot box, there is a rush. The lottery element is only there on account of the prizes, which gain their value because people are determined by hook or by crook to get good land. Winners may make several hundreds by transferring their blocks to other people, but the fact of land being wanted for actual use remains. We admit the scandal and the hardship—that indeed is the point of our argument; but it will not do to discount the demand for land by treating these ballots as mere gambling. Land is wanted. On all sides we find that men with a little capital would take up farms if the Government could make Crown land available; and it is a strange commentary upon the cry for immigration that in a State containing nearly two hundred million acres there are at present only a million and a half people, with six or seven hundred individuals holding half of the entire area.

The way in which the Farmers' Conference returns again and again to this question deserves notice. Resolutions dealing with phase after phase of closer settlement and its difficulties are tabled or moved, and the earnestness with which the several questions are debated speaks for itself. The president of the association, in his opening address, emphasised the fact that 3000 new settlers every year get upon the land, but he insisted that the main problems of settlement still remain unsolved. This is undoubtedly true. The Department of Lands meets the difficulty by explaining that land is being made available as fast as it falls in, and as quickly as it can be surveyed. No doubt a great deal has been done. There is no doubt also that the obstacles to more rapid progress are infinitely greater than an impatient public realises. But practical men clearly realise the existence of vast areas of unoccupied land of good quality, and they know that there is a very general demand for such land by would-be settlers of the right sort, not only in the State itself but from other States, and as far afield as New Zealand, Canada, and the Mother country. To meet this demand, the Government has formulated a progressive policy, both of works and direct settlement. Its Information Bureau is working hard, and the departmental reports are full of achievement. Yet the main issue remains, and thoughtful men are studying the position all round. This is the side of the question which gives ground for hope, and the Government we believe is listening sympathetically to every suggestion that is being offered. In the present Minister for Agriculture we have a keen, capable, and entirely devoted student of the problem, but it is really upon the side of the Lands Department that immediate progress must be made. Whether something can be done by taking stock of our forest reserves and by forcing the further cutting up of private estates, or rather by making railway extension and irrigation the key to the solution, need not be pressed here. The essential point is that any reform of the Lands Department must be thorough and statesmanlike, and that every section of the State in which settlement can be pushed must be embraced therein.

NEW ERA IN TURKEY.

The granting of a Constitution to Turkey, or, as seems more probable by the tone of the cablegrams, the revival of the grant of 1877, may mark a momentous period in the history of the Sultanate. No one believes that Abdul Hamid is sincere in his concession. What has been obtained has been wrung from him only by fear. To-morrow if the pressure of that fear were removed he would find means to nullify his grant and make it of no effect. Timid as he is by disposition, his strength lies in a craftiness upon which all Europe has learned it must calculate. The teachings of his belief, no less than the history and claims of his house, forbid him to recognise the right of the people to rule. As a Moslem, the fact that he is in the place of power furnishes clear proof that the source of his power is of God. Again, the rulers of his house have all been despots, and of such a character as only Easterns know. But Abdul Hamid has been the most despotic of all. His predecessors exercised a personal tyranny over only their immediate surroundings; Ministers to whom they delegate their powers, having always the spectre of assassination before their eyes if they ventured too far, diluted the despotism with which their masters invested them. But Abdul Hamid exercised until yesterday a personal rule over all the departments of Turkish Government. He broke the power of the bureaucracy. His Ministers were not administrators, but mere clerks, whose duty it was to register and transmit his orders—nothing more. He claims the title of Caliph, the viceregent of the prophet on earth, and the Moslems who acknowledge that claim must recognise his supremacy in all things, must follow whither he should lead. To consolidate this power, to validate this claim, and so extend his authority over the whole Moslem world has been the principal object of his reign. If he submits to the will of a legislature, if he limits his power to just so much as the deputies of the people will permit him, by so much he casts doubt on his right to the Caliphate, whose true possessor Allah would never allow to be so abased.

Though the working of all these factors may well overthrow the dawning hope of freedom in Turkey there is one very potent factor in its favour. The Sultan has been secure in his dominions because of his army. That support has now failed him. Whole brigades led by officers who have joined the Young Turks rebelled against his tyranny. They proclaimed self-government, and set up an Administration in Macedonia, where the most trusted of his troops were quartered. Should they maintain in their task that sustained energy in which Asiatics have hitherto been lacking, the future of the Constitution is safe. It is then of interest to speculate on the effect which a reformed Turkey will exercise on the rest of Europe. With rule by a legislature all reason for the horrible condition of Macedonia must disappear, the Empire in Europe and in Asia may well be welded into a strong sovereignty, and in such case the hope, cherished by some of the Powers, of dividing the "sick man's" inheritance will vanish. With stable and honest rule, industrial and agricultural life will take on a new aspect. There will be every incentive to found native industries, and to make the land yield of its produce to its highest pitch. A contented and strong Ottoman Empire means that the problem which the Concert of Europe set itself will be automatically solved, Great Britain will have no fear of the future in the Mediterranean, and the Pan-German vision of predominance in Asia Minor and the valley of the Euphrates will remain nothing more than a dream.

CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION.

In his presidential address at the annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday, Mr. Winchcombe, M.L.C., gave official expression to the views of the mercantile community on certain aspects of Federal administration—Customs administration in particular. When we come to consider to how great an extent the Federal sentiment can be made or marred by the detailed administration of the transferred departments, it would be reasonable to suppose that the Commonwealth authorities would be ready to embrace any change of system calculated to ensure smoother working. Of no single transferred department can it be said that the administration of it has not given rise to more friction than it need have, even allowing a very liberal margin for hitches inseparable from the process of change from State to Commonwealth control. But the greatest offender of the lot has been the Customs Department. Ever since Mr. Kingston set the fashion of treating every merchant receiving goods into the country as a criminal, this department has been kept, as Mr. Winchcombe succinctly puts it, "on a war footing." The delays in obtaining decisions in cases "referred to Melbourne" have been no less vexatious than the arbitrary and even absurd character of some of the decisions when obtained. It is not enough to say, as Mr. Winchcombe does, that the present system is unfair to the importer. Unfair to him it is no doubt; but the point which the Commonwealth authorities decline to see is that it is unfair to the public, for it is the public which ultimately pays.

While Mr. Winchcombe may be only too right in his surmise that a suggestion from a chamber of commerce, even on a commercial matter, cannot have the same weight with the Federal Government as would a suggestion from a labour league, still the fact that the Sydney chamber joins with others in Melbourne and elsewhere in urging the establishment of a Customs Appeal Board should have some weight. Notwithstanding anything that the officials of the Customs Department may say to the contrary, there is no sufficient reason why an appeal board, composed of a few responsible men of business training in each State, should not be appointed to review decisions in doubtful cases. It is not necessary to emphasise again the inherent objectionableness of the present system which enables the department to sit in judgment upon its own excesses. What any reasonable Minister should now consider is whether the expedient of local appeal boards, after the pattern suggested, would be the means of removing a species of grievance against Federal administration, which, as in the case of other transferred services, is so capable of transmutation into a grievance against the Federal principle itself. To do Mr. Chapman justice, he appeared to welcome the suggestion for appeal boards when it was first mooted in Melbourne; but his silence since gives rise to the suspicion that he has surrendered his own judgment in the face of the hostility of Sir William Lyne and the Customs officials. It is certain, however, that while the present system obtains the Customs Department will be a continuous irritant; and as we now hope that we are in for a reasonably long period of tariff rest it is more than ever desirable, on the grounds of policy alone, that the machinery of administration should cease to be used to manufacture grievances which only go to feed the fires of provincialism.

DEFUNCT SCHOOL BOARDS.

The question raised by a deputation yesterday which asked Mr. Hogue to consider some reform of the method of recruiting school boards is one of great importance. The suggestion made that municipal councils should act in this capacity is open to objection, but the criticism of the present system deserves the earnest attention of everyone who has the interests of the schools at heart. At present, with one or two notable exceptions, these boards represent an almost moribund survival. They have no duties to discharge of sufficient importance to keep them alive to their responsibilities; and even their very limited powers are seldom or never exercised. When it is added that the boards need hold no regular meetings the reductio ad absurdum of their existence is complete. Things ought to be very different. An essential factor in the success of any education system is a direct interest in its working on the part of the inhabitants of the school district. However good the school may be, it cannot do without this, and the keener the interest the better the school will be. Of late, what are called parents' associations have sprung up, and in many cases they take such a hearty delight in the success of a particular school that the happiest results follow. What we want to get rid of is the notion that we have done our duty when the education estimates have been passed. That is only the beginning of the business. The fundamental weakness at present is the very general failure to realise what the success of the school means to the State—how absolutely vital a thing that success is. Children take their colour from their surroundings. How can we expect them to be keen on school work if we are not keen ourselves, and do not show them that to us nothing seems more important or worthy of effort? Now this apathy is not altogether due to the fact that we do not know the paramount importance of education. It is largely due to the fact that we have no direct share in the school system.

School boards as they are seem almost useless. Certainly in hardly any cases is any interest taken in them. This is, of course, largely an evil to be set down to centralisation. New Zealand, where a system of local control prevails, under the central department, there is much greater keenness in educational matters. In our case such a devolution of authority is not desirable. Centralisation has some advantages in a sparsely populated State; but we must not be blind to two sources of weakness. One of these, the tendency to the regimentation of instruction, can be, and we are glad to say is now being, met by a wise and liberal administration. The other is the divorce between district and responsibility. Every district should be directly concerned with the wellbeing of its schools, which need not mean that it should have power to override the general policy of the system. One way of getting this would be to make the school boards real live bodies, election to which should be as keenly sought as election to shire and municipal councils, to say nothing of Parliament. Men should be forthcoming in every district who have the best available qualifications themselves, and who are prepared to take a much more than perfunctory and official interest in their work. There is ample scope for their activity. Amongst other things they would be able to keep a local eye on the efficiency of teachers—a necessary local eye in some cases; they would be able to help the school equipment, and they would be able to encourage boys and girls not to sever their connection with the school when they left for work. A school should be a social institution quite as much as a museum of unnecessary knowledge; and its activity should not be suspended when the dismissal bell has rung. If live school boards, to include women, could be devised, we should see how much more could be done with our schools than get a certain number of arid passes in the junior. An excellent spirit is at work in the schools themselves, but it wants all the encouragement and help we can give.

Saturday's "Herald."—On account of the large amount of advertising matter which has to be dealt with for Saturday's issue of the "Herald," advertisers and agents are requested to send in their advertisements as early as possible to-day, in order to facilitate classification.

The Budget Speech.—During the debate in Committee of Supply in the small hours of yesterday morning the Treasurer announced that he did not propose to deliver his Budget speech or lay the Estimates on the table of the House until after the report of the Auditor-General had been prepared. This officer was not bound to issue his report until three months after the close of the financial year, but the last two years he had got it out before the expiration of that time, and Mr. Waddell hoped it would be got out equally early this year. So far as could be forecasted now the Budget would probably be brought down about the middle of September or a little later.

Protection and Immigration.—Referring to the question of immigration in the course of his presidential address at the annual meeting of the Sydney Chamber of Commerce yesterday, Mr. F. E. Winchcombe, M.L.C., said:—"For good or evil, this is now a highly protected country, and under the shielding influence of the Customs-house industries are growing up in our midst; but they suffer from a lack of consumers. The cost of production continues high, because the output of factories is limited by our restricted ability to use up their goods. The increase in ten years has been 258,000. At the same rate of progress I find on calculation we shall reach five millions in 132 years from date. (Laughter.) Clearly, if we are to develop our territory and take up a position of importance amongst the nations of the earth we must rely upon something more rapidly effective than natural increase. A pushing policy of encouraged and assisted immigration is incumbent upon us. It is to be hoped that those in whose control our political destinies lie, will see their duty in this respect, and do it."

Cheap Defence.—"Personally I do not believe that a large military establishment is either necessary or even possible in Australia with its present small and scattered population," said the president of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. F. E. Winchcombe, M.L.C., yesterday. "For this reason there would appear to be no good end to be gained by compulsory service. I am convinced that if we insist first of all upon the groundwork of a well-organised cadet system, the call for citizen soldiers will be sufficiently responded to by our young men in their after-school days; provided always that citizen soldiering be properly fostered and encouraged. And on the question of naval defence, there is no escape from the position that Australia depends—not only for the protection of her commerce, but for her national existence—upon the strength of the British Navy. We pay at present a begrudged £200,000 per annum towards the upkeep of the navy. The service we get would be cheap at double or treble the price; whilst a sum of even £600,000 a year spent in an attempt to build and equip a modern navy of our own would simply be money thrown away." (Hear, hear.)

Booming Fat Stock Markets.—There is a great demand for really prime fat sheep, lambs, and cattle at the Homebush fat stock market. Some of the stock now coming forward are magnificently bred, and are as prime as the best pastures can make them. High prices were realised yesterday for all classes, and very remunerative values to stockowners were ruling. Merino wethers sold to over 24s, a few crossbred wethers to 25s, large pens of merino ewes to 18s, and a few crossbred ewes to 21s. Lambs sold to 16s 6d. But high as these prices were in the sheep and lamb sections, relatively high values ruled in the cattle. The Victorians forced the running yesterday for all lots of bullocks and cows suitable for the southern markets, and values advanced 15s to 20s. Beef is dear in Victoria, and the wants of the consumers in the southern State are being satisfied to the profit of stockowners in New South Wales. This, however, means high prices for beef to the Sydney public. In ordinary times the present supplies at Homebush would be ample for local requirements, but with the southrons to be served there is not enough to go round. Not only are the Victorians strong at Homebush, but one buyer has bought in the country nearly 50,000 head of sheep and 3000 head of cattle since July last year, for delivery in Melbourne between that time and the middle of September next. A grave complaint that some of them have against this State is the inadequacy of the trucking accommodation and the slowness of the stock trains. For instance, a consignment of cattle loaded at Tenterfield on Monday at 9 a.m. did not reach Homebush till 6 p.m. on Wednesday. Thus the cattle were in the trucks upwards of 57 hours. They were rested at the yards, and would all have gone on if some of them had not been too much knocked about to resume the journey. These had to be disposed of in the local market at a loss.

Commission on Loans to Settlers.—Replying to questions asked in the Legislative Assembly last evening with reference to the charging of commission on loans obtained from the Government Savings Bank, the Treasurer said he had been informed by the Savings Bank Commissioners that in connection with an application for an advance made by a settler through Mr. Griffith, M.L.A., the settler subsequently wrote to the bank stating that he had received an account from a firm, as agents for Mr. Griffith, claiming the sum of £22 12s, which represented 2 per cent. on the amount of the advance made by the bank, together with a fee of £1 1s for filling up the application form. Mr. Waddell added that Mr. Griffith had assured him, since the matter was first referred to in the House, that in no case did he require from any loan applicant for whom he acted more than 1 per cent. There would be no objection to supplying Mr. Griffith with the name of the firm alleged to have charged the 2 per cent. commission.

Intercollegiate Courtesies.—Thirty-three students of the Melbourne Teachers' Training College, including six ladies, arrived in Sydney yesterday, and will remain for some days as the guests of the students of the Sydney Training College. The system of intercollegiate visits was commenced last year, when a batch of Sydney students went to Melbourne and enjoyed the hospitalities of the southern students, and also met them in the athletic arena. The visitors, who are accompanied by Dr. Smyth, Principal of the Melbourne Training College, will be variously and pleasantly occupied during their stay, and evenings will be devoted to social functions arranged to make the visit as enjoyable as possible. The ladies of the party will try conclusions across the tennis nets with a team of ladies representing the Sydney Training College.

Valuation of Friendly Societies.—In the Legislative Assembly yesterday was laid upon the table the first valuation of friendly societies of the State, a compilation by the Registrar, Mr. J. B. Trivett. The object of the valuation was to give some guidance in the confusion which existed at the period of transition of the societies from the old to the new system under the present law. Mr. Trivett has been at endless pains to compile numerous tables of great value to the societies, and he points out to them the way to financial stability. He shows that many improvements have been made in the scales of benefits and of contributions, which have had the effect of removing adverse influences which existed in 1899, and that consequently the finances as a whole are in a healthier condition than at the commencement of the Act eight years ago. The report concludes with suggestions as to the direction in which the funds of the order may be recast to restore equilibrium where weakness has been shown to exist.

A Sally that Hit.—In a case before the Industrial Court yesterday counsel sought to show that the Industrial Disputes Act was likely to break down under its own weight through the multiplicity of boards. The secretary of the union, Mr. Mitchell, got on counsel's nerves by numerous interruptions from time to time, and the epithets occasionally were amusing. In one instance he was told by Mr. J. L. Campbell that what he suggested had nothing more to do with the case than the "flowers that bloomed in the spring." The secretary, however, scored rather heavily a minute or two later by suggesting that counsel, in view of the way they were tearing the Act to pieces, had been in consultation with the Trades and Labour Council.

Medical Inspection of School Children.—The system of medically inspecting children attending the Public schools in the metropolitan and Newcastle districts appears to have been attended by good results. Up to the end of last year, according to the report of the Minister for Public Instruction, there were about 1500 cases in metropolitan schools where medical treatment had been advised by the medical inspector. Of these cases by far the majority consisted of defective eyesight and nasal obstruction. In addition to such cases many more pupils were found defective, but as they were already under the care of medical men or were suitable glasses, the parents were not notified. From a return obtained at the end of the year it appears that about 20 per cent. of the children who received notices from the doctor acted upon them. There is good reason to think, however, that many more have since done so. The cost of medical attendance operates in many cases as a deterrent, and a suggestion has been made that arrangements be entered into with the local hospitals to attend to such defective children as out-patients where the parents are not in a position to pay a medical man.

State Furniture Shop.—Most of the school furniture required by the State is manufactured at Cockatoo Island, where boys belonging to the N.S.S. Sobraon learn a useful trade, and incidentally provide desks and seats for the State's educational establishments. The Minister for Public Instruction refers in his annual report to the satisfactory progress of "the department's workshops at Cockatoo Island." Mr. Hogue states that during last year 45 boys were constantly employed under efficient instruction, and the total value of the year's output, based on prices previously paid under the contract system was £8167 17s 8d. The saving to the department, after allowing for all expenses, amounted to £2888 5s 7d.

The Fame of Farrer.—Mr. H. C. L. Anderson yesterday, at the Farmers and Settlers' Conference dealt with the valuable labours of the late Mr. William Farrer in the cause of scientific agriculture. The first response to the appeal for funds only resulted in £89 being realised. He appealed, for the honour of the farming industry, that delegates should help to raise £1000 for scholarships for four youths every year. Mr. E. H. Allen told what had been done in urging the city people to assist, but without much success. Mr. T. C. Worboys suggested a shilling subscription, and the hat was taken round the hall. As a result £6 2s 6d was raised, plus a bag of wheat from the president.

An Appreciation of Taxation.—It is not often that a property-owner objects to the valuation of a municipal authority on the ground that it is too low. Yet such was the ground of an application yesterday made by a resident of North Sydney to Mr. Smithers, who was hearing appeals against the assessments made by the valuers to the Municipality of North Sydney. In his notice the appellant asked that the value of his property, as assessed, should be nearly doubled. Mr. John Stinson, who appeared for the council, intimated that the assessors would not oppose the appeal; but as there was no appearance on the part of the appellant the possibility of increasing the revenue of the borough was lost, Mr. Smithers upholding the assessment.

Sydney Grammar School.—A reference to the Sydney Grammar School in the annual report of the Minister for Public Instruction shows that the total enrolment of pupils for 1907 was 647, of whom 182 were under and 465 over the statutory age of 14 years. The cost for each pupil in average attendance was £22 2s 1d, being 2.7 in excess of that in 1906. The expense to the State was £2 17s 4d a head.

The people of Murwillumbah intend to commemorate the pluck, energy, and resource of the inhabitants in so soon rebuilding the town after its disastrous fire of last year by holding a monster carnival on September 15.

There is to hand the sixth annual report of the Victoria League, an association which has for its object the furtherance of any scheme leading to more intimate understanding between the people of the United Kingdom and their fellow-subjects overseas.

We have received the May-June number of "Art and Architecture" (the journal of the Institute of Architects of New South Wales).

PERSONAL.

VICE-REGAL.

His Excellency the Governor-General, attended by Mr. Share, arrived at Government House yesterday morning from Adelaide and Melbourne.

Her Excellency Lady Northcote, accompanied by Lady Poore and the Dean of Hobart and Mrs. Kite, and attended by Captain Stephen and Captain Fyers, was present at the concert of the Sydney Amateur Orchestral Society at the Town Hall last night.

Miss Rawson, attended by Captain Wilson, A.D.C., presided yesterday afternoon at a drawing-room meeting held at Ginahgulla, Bellevue Hill, in connection with the University Students' Christian Union.

In the evening his Excellency the Governor and Miss Rawson, attended by Captain Wilson, were present at the annual meeting of the Young Women's Christian Association.

At the Institute of Marine Engineers smoke concert last night Mr. H. Selfe told a story of the earlier days of Lord Charles Beresford. Mr. Selfe was chief engineer on the Egmont, in an Australian port. One evening, strolling near where the ship was moored, he came across another sociable soul, evidently a ship's officer. They yarned awhile, and then Mr. Selfe suggested an adjournment to his cabin on board. The yarn proceeded. Mr. Selfe suggested that it was a thirsty night. The sociable soul said he didn't mind if he did. One whisky led to another, and when, in the early hours they parted, the visitor asked Mr. Selfe to drop in on him if he should be in Auckland within the next six months. "My name's Beresford," he added. "Everybody knows me; you just ask for me on the Galatea." Some little time afterwards Mr. Selfe found himself in Auckland harbour. The Galatea was still moored there, and he set out, as he had promised, to drop in. "Beresford?" the boatswain repeated. "D'ye mean the Lord?" Beresford was a lieutenant on the Galatea at the time. But they had their yarn together.

The Commission having arrived, Sir Arthur Morgan attended Government House, Brisbane yesterday morning, and in the presence of the Acting Chief Secretary, the Governor administered the oath of office as Lieutenant Governor of Queensland.

The Rev. Langford Smith, rector of Wahroonga, who a few weeks ago was operated on for appendicitis, is making a rapid recovery.

Mr. Orlando H. Baker will leave Sydney by the steamer Airlie for Sandakan, British Borneo, on Saturday, August 1, he having been appointed Consul for the United States at that place.

Yesterday the Full Court, on the motion of Dr. Cullen, K.C., admitted to the Bar of New South Wales Mr. Marcus Hertzberg, B.A., LL.B. of the Sydney University; and on the application of Mr. Rolin Mr. Francis Coen, B.A., LL.B. of the Sydney University, was also admitted to the Bar.

At the annual meeting of the Sydney Chamber of Commerce yesterday, on the motion of the president, Mr. F. E. Winchcombe, M.L.C., seconded by Senator Pulsford, a motion was agreed to expressing sympathy with Mr. C. H. Hayes, the only life member of the chamber, who had been laid up since his return from Europe.

Replying to questions in the South Australian Parliament yesterday, Ministers stated that the resignation of Mr. Jenkins had been accepted, and that the Chief Clerk in the London office, Mr. J. B. Whiting, had been appointed Acting Agent-General, pending a definite appointment.

LAND HUNGER.

SEVENTY-TWO APPLICANTS FOR ONE BLOCK.

INVERELL, Thursday.

Applications for a homestead selection of 75 acres on Byron, capitalised at £8 per acre, closed on Wednesday with 72 applicants.

TO-DAY.

Welcome to British Footballers: Town Hall, 8.
R.A.A. Band: Hyde Park, 3.
Farrell Memorial Fund Lecture: St. James's Hall, 8.
Animals' Protection Society: Vickery's-chambers, 4.
Her Majesty's Theatre: "Zira," 8.
Theatre Royal: "The Red Mill," 8.
Tivoli Theatre: Vaudeville, 7.50.
Palace Theatre: West's Pictures, 8.
Criterion Theatre: "Miss Hook of Holland," 8.
National Amphitheatre: Vaudeville, 7.45.
Lyceum Hall: Spencer's Theatrescope, 8.
Clay's Vaudeville: Masonic Hall, North Sydney, 8.
Haymarket Hippodrome, 8.
Zoological Gardens, 10.
Victoria Hall: Picturescope, 8.
Oxford Hall: American Biograph Co., 8.
Columbian Skating Rink: King-street, Newtown.
Sydney Skating Rink: Prince Alfred Park, 10.
Glaciarium: Ice Skating, 10.
Palace Skating Rink: Manly.

IN PARLIAMENT.

Supply to the amount of £2,349,342, covering the months of July, August, and September, has been granted by Parliament. The Legislative Assembly sat until 6 o'clock yesterday morning to put the Supply Bill through all its stages. In the afternoon the Legislative Council passed the bill, and returned it to the Assembly. The Treasurer is now in funds, and in a position to meet all the payments due to be made on August 1. Business transacted by the Legislative Council yesterday included the re-election of Mr. W. J. Trickett as chairman of committees, and the adoption of sessional orders.

Yesterday's sitting of the Legislative Assembly was a short one. The House met at 20 minutes past 4, and attended the Speaker on the presentation to his Excellency of the Address in Reply voted on Wednesday night. At a quarter to 5 the Speaker resumed the chair, and Ministers proceeded to read their replies to some 50 questions which had accumulated on the business paper during the debate on the Address in Reply. A number of departmental reports having been tabled, and questions without notice dealt with, the Minister for Works, who, in the absence of the Premier, was in charge of the House, moved the adjournment until Tuesday. The House rose at 5 minutes past 6.

The Premier's absence was due to the death of his brother, Mr. W. F. Wade. Mr. Holman, on behalf of members of the Opposition, in a few simple sentences, expressed sympathy with the Premier; the kindly words were endorsed by Mr. Price on behalf of the members on the cross benches.

Mr. Cann was anxious to know precisely what the Government proposals were for suspending the business of Parliament during the visit of the American fleet. Mr. Lee replied that the dates for the suspension and resumption of the business of the session had not been definitely fixed, but the House would not be kept out of session one day longer than was absolutely necessary. It was improbable that the session would be suspended for more than two weeks. There was no intention of delaying the resumption of business until after the fleet had left Melbourne.

THE COMMONWEALTH.

RAILWAY STATION POST-OFFICE.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The concession agreed to by the Chief Railway Commissioner of a site at the Central railway station, Sydney, for postal purposes, has been increased by an additional depth of 10ft, which has now been granted. It is proposed to erect a building in harmony with the station design. All the mail work of the eastern suburbs will be dealt with there, as well as that which comes by trains. The Postal Department considers that an ideal site has been secured. No estimate of the cost of the proposed building has yet been made, but £15,000 is mentioned in a general way.

MILITIA OFFICERS FOR INDIA.

Some time ago the Government decided to extend to the militia and volunteer forces the practice of sending military officers abroad. The first batch to go will be a party of four. About 80 applications have been received from all the States, and the selection will be made to-morrow. The officers will leave in September, so as to arrive in India in time for the October manoeuvres. They are to have an allowance of 4s per day while on shipboard and 15s per day while in India. The contention has been raised that this provision is insufficient. The Minister states that the matter was very carefully considered, and he thinks the rates are equitable. The number of applications is pointed to as showing that officers do not look upon them as too low. "They are not going on a pleasure trip," said Mr. Ewing, "but for the purpose of entering a course of training, which should keep them fairly busy. The privilege being afforded them is a great one, giving them an exceptional opportunity of advancing in their profession."

FEDERAL ANALYSES.

In the next Estimates to be submitted to Parliament will appear a sum in connection with the work of analysing which is carried out in connection with the Customs Act and Commerce Act, the branch having been created by the appointment of Mr. Wilkinson. Formerly investigations were made in the Victorian laboratory by arrangement with the State Government.

IMMIGRATION ENCOURAGEMENT.

Questions of a delicate nature occasionally come before the Minister for Customs for decision. To-day the Minister decided in a particular case that a person born of parents natives of Styria, a province of Austria, was not debarred by the white labour provisions from claiming bounty.

WANTED, A NAME.

The trawler being built for the Federal Government's fisheries exploration work is to be launched next month, and the central officials are casting about for a suitable name for her. The Home Affairs Department suggest something aboriginal, relating to fish. The Customs, to whom she will be turned over when completed, want something comprehensive, such as Commonwealth. The Prime Minister is said to have mentioned the name "Northcote," after the Governor-General, during whose term of office the trawler is being constructed.

Y.W.C.A.

THE YEAR'S WORK.

The annual meeting in connection with the Young Women's Christian Association was held last night in the Y.M.C.A. Hall. The State Governor (Sir Harry Rawson) presided over a large attendance.

The annual report stated that the year had been one of consolidation rather than active progress. The resignation of the general secretary, Miss Heard, to whose efforts the association had owed a great deal of its position and influence, led to the appointment of Miss E. L. Meager, from London. Despite increased expenditure, the financial position was satisfactory, the total increase in subscriptions being £124 11s. The membership of the central association stood at 251. The Ashfield branch had been formed into an independent association. As many as 63 had at times slept in the home; 1232 visitors had passed through. The luncheon room proved very popular, the total number of meals served being 37,142. The employment agency dealt with over 4000 applications, and arranged 521 engagements. The City Helpers' Union brought about 2500 girls into touch with the Y.W.C.A. The Girls' Club, the Guild of Helpers, Travellers' Aid and Mission (which paid hundreds of visits to trains and steamers, hospitals, and homes), were also successful branches. The missionary section referred to the fact that Miss Booth was now completing her 18th year of service in Inland China. The visit of Miss Spencer, B.A. (world's secretary), led to the formation of an Australasian National Association of Y.W.C.A.'s. In September the triennial Australasian conference was held.

Sir Harry Rawson congratulated the association on the good work of the year. All its objects were so helpful that it was hard to select one rather than another. He hoped that the debt would be materially reduced in the future. The home aspect of the institution was one of the most important, as it extended a helping hand to strangers. It was a pity candidates did not come forward more freely to the domestic training department; he particularly had in mind training in cooking. The greatness of the Australian continent depended on its women. They could exert a strong moral influence on men in making the men respect them, and in this way they would be forming character. Now that woman had the franchise, she had just as much responsibility as man. He advised them not to be led away by specious talkers. He wished well not only to the association, but to all the young women of Australia. (Applause.)

Lady Fairfax, in the absence of the president (Lady Renwick) presented Miss Rawson with an illuminated address, the work of a member.

Miss Rawson briefly thanked the members.

Miss Meager (general secretary) said she cordially agreed with the sentiment that there was no room in the world for selfish, idle, easy-going women, rich or poor. There were many directions, such as educational classes, and a bright club room, in which the work might be extended.

Miss Rouse (travelling secretary of the World's Students' Christian Association) asked them to remember they were members of a world association. She described her experiences [illegible]

FIGHT FOR THE NAVY.

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE FORMED.

MR. LLOYD-GEORGE EXPLAINS.

LONDON, July 30.

A non-political Parliamentary committee is being formed to support the maintenance of a strong navy.

Mr. Lloyd-George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in a letter to the "Times," denies that in the course of his speech at the Peace meeting at the Queen's Hall he assailed the two-Power standard for the British navy to which the Government is committed. He says that he contended that nervousness on the part of Germany was less blameworthy than in our case, since she had no such standard for her army.

REDUCTION OF ARMAMENTS.

LIBERAL PRESSURE.

Mr. H. H. Asquith, Prime Minister, has received an appeal signed by 144 of his supporters in the House of Commons, for a reduction of armaments. The appeal, which emphasises the survey of Great Britain's financial position which he made, and the figures which he quoted in his budget statement for 1906-7, had for its authors Sir John T. Brunner (Liberal) and Mr. J. A. M. MacDonald.

[Mr. Asquith, in the course of his Budget statement on April 30, 1906, his first, took a general survey of the existing financial situation of Great Britain, drawing attention to the great growth of expenditure in recent years and to the magnitude of indebtedness of the State. The figures which he quoted, he said, made economy imperative; and more adequate provision must be made for the reduction of the debt. The whole of the reduction of the debt between 1871 and 1899—£130,000,000—had been wiped out in the seven years preceding to 1906.]

COMPARISONS DEPRECATED.

Mr. Reginald M'Kenna, First Lord of the Admiralty, replying to questions in the House of Commons last night, agreed with Mr. Cathcart Wason (Liberal), in deprecating invidious comparisons between the British and German navies.

ANGLO-GERMAN RELATIONS.

LABOUR PARTY'S EFFORTS.

LONDON, July 29.

The Labour party's executive has invited German workmen to co-operate in defeating war propaganda and the spreading of unfriendly suspicions. They are urged to assist in the work of securing permanent good relations between the two nations.

The Labour party of Great Britain is against an increase of navy or army. The task of converting any considerable number of German workmen to that view will be harder than the party imagines if the extracts which we give below are any guide. The leading socialist periodical of Germany, the "Socialistische Monatsheifte," wrote at the time when the Navy Bill of 1900 was being discussed: "That Germany be armed to the teeth, possessing a strong fleet, is of the utmost importance to the working men. What damages our exports damages them also, and working men have the most pressing interest in securing prosperity for our export trade, be it even by force of arms. Owing to her development, Germany may perhaps be obliged to maintain her position sword in hand. Only he who is under the protection of his guns can dominate the markets, and in the fight for markets German working men may come before the alternative of either perishing or of forcing the entrance into markets sword in hand." Herr Bernstein, the leader of the moderate section of the German social-democratic party, wrote in the same periodical only a few months ago: "The social-democratic party is, and that unanimously, the most decided Imperial party that Germany knows." In English "Nation" the same gentleman wrote: "The time of England's industrial supremacy has passed away, or at least is nearing its end. With Germany the question is quite different. Although her rural population is now decreasing, she could, with a yearly increase of about 800,000 people, well stand more colonial possessions than she actually holds; nor would the costs and outlays for her colonies press very hard on her finances." "Many Germans," declares Mr. J. Ellis Barker in the "Nineteenth Century," "share Herr Bernstein's views that industrial supremacy is leaving Great Britain for Germany, that Germany is the predestined heir to Great Britain's colonial possessions, and that a policy of vigorous transmaritime expansion would not press very heavily on Germany's finances."

FRANCO-BRITISH EXHIBITION.

NEW SOUTH WALES DINNER.

"THE FINEST ADVERTISEMENT."

LONDON, July 29.

The New South Wales Commissioners to the Franco-British Exhibition gave a dinner last night at the Trocadero. Sir Hector Carruthers presided, and among those present were the Earl of Jersey, the Most Rev. Dr. Saumarez Smith (Archbishop of Sydney), the Agents-General for the Australian States, Mr. W. P. Reeves (High Commissioner for New Zealand), Captain Collins (Commonwealth Representative in London), Mr. Henniker Heaton, M.P., Sir John Cockburn, Mr. Imre Kiralfy (Commissioner-General of the Franco-British Exhibition), Lord Blyth, leading merchants, and bankers.

Sir Hector Carruthers stated that the exhibition was the finest advertisement Australia had ever received.

TRIAL OF SIEVIER.

EVIDENCE BY THE ACCUSED.

LONDON, July 29.

At the trial of Sievier, who is charged with attempting to extort money by threats from J. B. Joel, he (Sievier) testified that when Mills, a betting commissioner, said he would be able to get him a bit of money if Joel's name were excluded from "The Winning Post," he distinctly refused to accept Joel's money on such terms.

Sievier also denied that he had ever sent Mills to Joel. The boot was on the other leg. Sievier said he promised to keep Joel's name out of the paper as a favour to Mills.

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Sievier, in the course of cross-examination, described the witnesses Bendon and Mills as perjurers, and he declared that Joel and Mills had conspired to manufacture evidence against him.

GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

FANCY DIVING CHAMPIONSHIP.

LONDON, July 30.

Harold Symrk (Sydney) won the Fancy Diving Championship of England.

LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL.

After an all-night sitting, the moderates carried a resolution abolishing the works department of the London County Council.

FINANCE IN PARLIAMENT.

The Finance Bill was read the second time in the House of Lords yesterday. [illegible]ses of Supply concluded in the House of Commons.

REJOICING IN TURKEY.

A PARLIAMENT SUMMONED.

SULTAN RECEIVES OVATION.

LONDON, July 29.

Responding to the wish of immense crowds outside the Yildiz Kiosk, Constantinople, the Sultan appeared at a window and promised he would ever work for the happiness and security of the people. He also proclaimed a general amnesty, which it is estimated will liberate 70,000 political prisoners.

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The Parliament of Turkey will meet on November 1.

The report stating that the Young Turkey party had requested the Austro-Hungarian and Russian Civil agents in Macedonia to quit the country is based on a misconception.

FOREIGN REFORMS DEFERRED.

It is understood in Paris that the reform proposals put forward by Russia with regard to Macedonia will remain in abeyance in view of the new situation in Turkey.

SEDITION IN INDIA.

LENIENCY ABANDONED.

ANOTHER EXEMPLARY SENTENCE.

LONDON, July 30.

The Sessions Judge at Aligarh, North-west Provinces, has sentenced Hoti Lal Varma to seven years' transportation for sending a seditious telegram to the "Bande Mataram" newspaper. Prisoner, who has travelled widely in Europe and the Far East, had in his possession a complete manuscript of a series of lectures on the preparation and filling of highly explosive bombs.

Hoti Lal Varma was tried at Aligarh under section 124A of the Indian Penal Code, with reference to a telegram sent by him to "Bande Mataram" on May 11. The charge was that the telegram was seditious. It is said to have expressed sympathy and approval of the bomb outrage in Muzufferpur and of the work of the anarchists arrested in Calcutta. "Bande Mataram" itself published a disclaimer on the telegram in question in the very next issue of the paper. Hoti Lal was arrested in Agra, and in his possession were found manuscripts, prescriptions for the manufacture of explosives, a thermometer registering 400deg Fahr., and writings said to be seditious.

BOMBAY QUIET.

RESUMPTION OF BUSINESS.

The riots in Bombay have ceased, and the city is now quiet. The majority of the mills are working, and the bazaars and shops have reopened. Seven men found guilty of throwing stones were sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for 12 months.

THE KING TO GO ABROAD.

MEETING WITH EMPERORS.

LONDON, July 30.

The King will start on August 10 on a visit to Marienbad, Bohemia, and will be absent from the kingdom about a month. Besides meeting the Emperor William at Friedrichshof, on the 11th, he will meet the Emperor Francis Joseph at Ischl on the 12th.

THE DUAL ALLIANCE.

COMPLETE HARMONY.

LONDON, July 30.

A semi-official announcement regarding the meeting of the Czar and President Fallieres at Reval states that there is complete harmony of views between France and Russia on all international topics.

POSITION OF DINIZULU.

NATAL MINISTER'S STATEMENT.

LONDON, July 30.

Mr. T. F. Carter, Minister for Justice, speaking in the Legislative Assembly at Pietermaritzburg yesterday, said that Dinizulu was not impoverished, and that assistance would be forthcoming if needed.

ATTACK ON LORD CROMER.

LONDON, July 30.

Mr. W. Crooks (Labour) gave notice of motion in the House of Commons last night,—"Parliament having voted £50,000 to the Earl of Cromer, this House is of opinion that he does not need the Government pension of £900 a year, which should cease in 1915." The notice was received with Labour cheers.

BRIGANDAGE IN EGYPT.

TRAIN DERAILED.

LONDON, July 29.

Reuter's correspondent at Cairo reports that a band of brigands, presumably Bedouins, derailed a train on the railway line through the Fayoum, a province west of the Nile, a little to the head of the Delta.

They robbed the passengers and wounded the guard.

THE HONGKONG TYPHOON.

GREAT LOSS OF LIFE.

LONDON, July 29.

Advices from Hongkong state that thousands of Chinese were drowned during the recent typhoon, and 100 native vessels were wrecked.

QUEBEC CELEBRATIONS.

DEPARTURE OF PRINCE OF WALES.

LONDON, July 29.

The Prince of Wales, before embarking at Quebec for England on H.M.S. Indomitable, testified to the immense pleasure he had derived from his visit to the tercentenary celebrations.

SVEN HEDIN SAFE.

LONDON, July 30.

A letter which has been received in Kashmir from a servant of Sven Hedin, the Swedish explorer, who it was feared had perished, reports his master to be well in Thibet, and that his caravan is in good condition.

THE WOOL SALES.

LONDON, July 29.

At the wool sales this afternoon there was better competition for crossbreds and merinos, prices being slightly harder.

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At the wool sales yesterday prices realised were:—Glendower, 6½d; Balruddy, 7½d; Mudgee, 8½d; Osto, 9½d; Koorine, 11½d; Collymongle, 17½d; Marathon, 21½d.

TRADE ABANDONED.

AMERICAN RAILWAYS' MOVE.

NO DIVULGING OF RATES.

LONDON, July 30.

The Canadian-Pacific, the Great Northern, the Northern Pacific, the Union Pacific, the Southern Pacific, the Oregon Short Line, the Atchison-Topeka, and the Santa Fe Railway Companies have notified shippers that they will abandon the export trade with China, Japan, New Zealand, and Australia on November 1, and that they will practically abandon the import trade.

The notification is in reply to the rule of the United States Interstate Commerce Commission requiring railroads to publish the inland proportion of their import and export rates.

It is predicted that the steamship lines involved will be sold.

"WE WANT WATER."

BROKEN HILL'S CRY.

BURNING THE PREMIER IN EFFIGY.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

Another public meeting was held last night in connection with the Government's refusal to lend £150,000 to the Umberumberka Water Trust to carry out its scheme. Prior to the meeting a band paraded the main street, headed by an illuminated device inscribed, "Water means stability," "We want water," "No monopoly," and "No extension of Water Company's lease." The Mayor (Alderman Ivey) presided over a large gathering.

The following resolutions were carried:—(1) "That a monster petition be prepared for presentation to the Premier, protesting against any extension of tenure of lease to the Water Supply Company under any conditions, and also to any addition to the Stephen's Creek weir, and to the Yancannia scheme, as suggested by the Premier." (2) "That a league be formed consisting of gentlemen nominated by the meeting and four delegates from each representative body in the city, with power to add to their number, to maintain the agitation for an adequate water supply; and that the council be asked to allow the use of the council-chamber for the league's meetings." (3) "That the Mayor telegraph to the Government, asking it to ascertain from the Umberumberka Water Trust whether it intended to go on with the work or not; if not, that the people of Broken Hill ask the Government to go on with the work, independently of the trust." (4) "That a strongly-worded telegram be sent to the Premier emphatically protesting against any extension of the lease to the Water Supply Company." (5) "That the Umberumberka Water Trust be asked to make a public statement of its actions and intentions."

A motion was negatived "That the Mayor be asked to convene a monster public meeting in the central reserve some Sunday afternoon, to discuss the advisableness of this part of the State separating from New South Wales and attaching itself to South Australia."

Very strong remarks against the Government were made by the various speakers. The Mayor said he had wired to the Premier (Mr. Wade) as follows:—"If your proposal means an extension of the Water Company's lease, my previous wires were not sent under any misapprehension."

Dr. Booth said that the water from the septic tanks in Sydney contained less fluid ammonia than Stephen's Creek water. Stephen's Creek, he alleged, could never have a pure supply, as part of the city was built on its catchment area.

Alderman Long suggested a public demonstration and burning the Premier (Mr. Wade) in effigy.

Other speakers pointed out that without water the mines could not carry on, and Stephen's Creek would not give enough water.

TASMANIAN SHOOTING AFFRAY.

TWO PEOPLE WOUNDED.

ARRESTED MAN CONFESSES.

HOBART, Thursday.

Shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon news was received by the Hobart police to the effect that George Hudson had shot a girl named Haley Bradley and a man named Adolf Bock. All the parties reside at Hythe.

It was stated that Bock was dying, and that the girl's condition was serious. A later report received stated that Hudson, who is about 22 years of age, went to the house of Bock, where the girl also was. Bock is a brother-in-law to the girl, who, it is stated, was Hudson's fiancee. It is stated that Hudson was at the time slightly under the influence of liquor. A quarrel arose between Hudson and the girl, who commenced to run away. Hudson picked up a double-barrel gun and fired at her. The contents of one barrel took effect in the back of the girl's neck.

It would appear from the report that Hudson then turned his attention on Bock, and with some instrument knocked him on the head. Bock fell unconscious. Hudson then left the house.

The news of the tragedy spread, and Bock and the girl were attended to. The police were communicated with, and half an hour later a constable arrested Hudson, who at the time was sitting down to dinner in an hotel. When Hudson was arrested he confessed to having committed the crime, and added that he was "ready to die for it."

Bock's condition is said to be very serious. The girl is also in a very low condition.

Later.

Hudson clubbed Bock in a most brutal manner, fracturing his jaw and his skull. Bock has not regained consciousness. There are hopes of the girl's recovery. Both barrels of the gun were fired at her. Hudson had been lying in wait for Bock from 11 o'clock until 1 o'clock.

ANCIENT MAIL CARRIER.

OLD WOMAN'S FORTITUDE.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The mails between Elphinstone and Sutton Grange are now carried by a woman nearly 80 years of age. About a week ago her horse dropped from exhaustion. Next day she carried the mails on foot, a distance of nine miles. Since then neighbours have partly helped her.

MURRAY WATERS BILL.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Mr. Swinburne, Minister for Water Supply, will visit Sydney at the end of next week to discuss with Mr. Lee, Minister in charge of the Murray Waters Bill in the New South Wales Parliament, several points which have arisen since the current State Parliamentary sessions opened.

THE BARMEDMAN MYSTERY.

A NOLLE PROSEQUI.

COOTAMUNDRA, Thursday.

The Attorney-General has refused to file a bill against Stevens and his wife, who were committed for trial at Wagga Circuit Court on a charge of alleged murder of a child near Barmedman. Accused were released at noon to-day.

RAILWAY OFFICIAL COMMITS SUICIDE.

ON THE EVE OF HIS MARRIAGE.

COROWA, Thursday.

This morning Francis, a porter, was called by a night officer at Culcairn railway station, named Albert Newman, aged 24, to prepare for duty at 6 a.m. Going into the stationmaster's office he found Newman's body upon the floor, and close by a pea rifle.

A packet of papers, a bankbook, and a lady's photo were found on the body; also a letter stating that he could not help it, and thought it best to do away with himself. He left instructions regarding the disposal of his money, stating that the same would help to pay expenses. He blamed no one for the act, and wished his friends good-bye.

Deceased's marriage was arranged to take place in a few days, matters having been talked over with his intended on Wednesday night, and both agreed to visit Corowa to-day.

An inquest was held in the afternoon, but the evidence did not disclose a motive for the deed. The medical evidence showed that deceased shot himself through the left breast.

The coroner found that death was caused by a rifle shot, self-inflicted.

AUSTRALIA INVITED.

CRICKET TOUR NEXT YEAR.

LONDON, July 30.

The Advisory Committee of the committees of the county cricket clubs met yesterday. Lord Harris presided. Mr. C. E. Horner moved, and Mr. G. L. Jessop seconded,—"That the Advisory Committee recommends that an invitation be given to an Australian team to visit England in 1909."

The motion was agreed to, and Marylebone Club agreed to cable a cordial invitation to Australia.

General satisfaction will be expressed on perusal of the above cable message that an Australian team will be welcomed in 1909. It was feared that the Australian visit to England, which had already been delayed a year, might be deferred for still another 12 months. An attempt was apparently made to force Australia into the triangular scheme. South Africa was keen on having an Imperial cricket contest next year, and so were the counties. The Board of Control would not, however, accept the draft scheme—it was not considered advisable for two teams to be touring England at the same time. Mr. W. P. M'Elhone, hon. secretary to the Board of Control, will no doubt receive an invitation from the Marylebone Club. The cricket season will open in a couple of months, and probably about that time a meeting of the Board of Control will be held and a selection committee appointed. Last season the selectors originally chosen to pick the Australian team were Messrs. J. Darling (South Australia), P. M'Alister (Victoria), and F. Iredale (N.S.W.). Subsequently Mr. Darling resigned, and Mr. Clement Hill was appointed in his place.

A NEW CHURCH.

APPLICATION FOR TOWN HALL.

EXTRAORDINARY RITUAL.

At the meeting of the finance committee of the City Council yesterday afternoon the following letter was read:—

On behalf of the Australian Liberal Church, I make application for the use of the Sydney Town Hall for a series of inauguration services on Sundays, between the hours of 7 and 9 p.m., for a period of three months, commencing on September 6, 1908. We are prepared to pay the same rates as charged to other persons, viz., John Alexander Dowie and the Torrey-Alexander mission, and will pay the rent on each Monday in advance.

This new church has been established with the object of serving a large class of persons who are shut out from those at present established owing to their objectionable dogmas. The motto of our new church can be summed up in a sentence, "The world is our country; to do good our religion."

The proposed service will be modelled on the best features taken from the whole of the present churches. We propose having the best music procurable, the best readers, and the most eloquent speakers procurable. As you will no doubt require an outline of each service, I have pleasure in submitting same on separate sheet. We shall be glad to receive lowest terms for twelve evenings, with and without use of grand organ, at your earliest.

E. BURNE.

THE AUSTRALIAN CHURCH.

Proposed form of evening service:—

7 to 7.30: Music selections by a band, or selections on the grand organ, as given in all churches, and known as the voluntary.

7.30 to 7.35: Congregational singing from printed sheets supplied at each service.

7.35 to 7.40: Short reading from one of the many sacred Scriptures.

7.40 to 8: Band selections, with vocal solos, from one of the greatest composers, as given at Cathedrals and other churches.

8 to 8.5: Short reading or second lesson, from one of the great writers, as given at the Unitarian Church.

8.5 to 8.25: Band selection, with solos from the works of the great masters, as given in the Congregational Church.

8.25 to 8.30: Short reading from sacred Scriptures of Christian and other lands.

8.30 to 8.35: Congregational singing by congregation.

8.35 to 8.50: Short sermon or address on an elevating subject.

8.50 to 9: Band selections to close.

The foregoing is merely an outline of the proposed service. The times are, of course, only approximately given. The proposal is to make the services of the most elevating character, so as to be a credit to our city.

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS.

We propose to adopt the ordinary means of other churches. We shall take up a collection or let pews. We undertake to do nothing that will in any way contravene any existing law relating to Sunday meetings, or in any way become a nuisance to our neighbours.

Signed (for the board of deacons). E. BURNE.

On the motion of Alderman Milner Stephen, the committee decided to recommend council not to grant the application.

MISSING ELDER ARRESTED.

ABANDONS VESTMENTS FOR BARBER'S APRON.

Elder William Mackie, of the Victorian branch of the Latter Day Saints, who mysteriously disappeared from Melbourne about June 18, was arrested in a barber's shop in Balmain at noon yesterday, on a provisional warrant, and charged with wife desertion.

For some time the detectives had been searching for Elder Mackie. Letters addressed to him had arrived at the Sydney G.P.O., which was watched accordingly. Finally a claim was made for the letters. The claimant was followed, and the arrest made by Detectives Murdoch, Busacott, Darlington, and Vincent. It is said that when the proprietor of the shop was asked for, a clean-shaven man appeared, in barber's apron, and was identified with the missing elder.

He subsequently appeared before the Water Police Court, and was remanded until August 7, bail being allowed.

MAN COMMITS SUICIDE.

AN EXTRAORDINARY WEAPON.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

An extraordinary weapon was used in a case of suicide discovered at Tunstall to-day. The body of Archibald Windram, foreman of the Tunstall boiling-down works, was found lying in a chaff-house. A mallet was firmly clenched in his hand, and by his left side lay a "cattle killer," containing a discharged cartridge. The "cattle killer" is a contrivance which is placed against the beast's head, and carries a heavy cartridge, which is exploded by a blow from a mallet.

RAILWAY TRUCK ON FIRE.

CESSNOCK, Thursday.

A truck containing two tons of lime and a quantity of window sashes, doors, etc., consigned to Messrs. Gould Brothers and Co., was discovered on fire by the night officer at the railway station on Tuesday morning. With the help of people residing in the vicinity, the fire was got under, but not before considerable damage was done to the truck and contents. Messrs. Gould Bros. suffer to the extent of about £60, and the damage to the truck is estimated at £20. The cause of the fire is said to be through the water in some way finding its way to the lime. It had been raining all night.

REV. C. H. NASH'S POSITION.

NOMINATION AGAIN REFUSED.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Vicar-General (Archdeacon Hindley) to-day intimated to the Rev. C. H. Nash that he was unable to institute him into the incumbency of Christ Church, Geelong, to which he was again renominated on July 17.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LOAN.

WHY DID IT FAIL?

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

Messrs. Elder, Smith, and Co., Ltd., stated this afternoon, in reference to the loan transaction:—"On July 20, on behalf of Lloyd's Bank and other friends, we made an offer to the Government to take over the £2,000,000 loan, which the Government wished to convert out of £3,094,600 falling due on January 1 next. This offer was accepted next day by the Government here, and it was stipulated by Lloyd's Bank that the agreement had to be signed in London on July 25. Lloyd's Bank was ready to sign the agreement, and our London office cabled us that the agreement had the approval of the solicitor to the Agent-General. But the Agent-General did not sign the agreement, and thus the business lapsed. It will, therefore, be seen that the Government is open to a charge of breach of faith through the action of their London representative. Our efforts in this direction are the result of requests from more than one Treasurer to compete against the so-called London ring. It was not pretended that we or anyone else could do without brokers, as they are just as necessary in connection with loans as tea dealers are in the distribution of tea. We succeeded in arranging the business in question with the largest bank in Great Britain, and some brokers of high standing, and made absolutely possible what was said to be impossible; and that was the extent of our duty. The reason for the failure is one for Government investigation. We have already intimated to them that we intend making no claim for commission. But we do demand, for the credit of South Australia, that inquiries shall be made by the Government as to the reason why their London representative did not sign the agreement."

THE PORT OF SYDNEY.

INCREASE IN TONNAGE.

THE NEED FOR FURTHER FACILITIES.

In the course of his presidential address at the annual meeting of the Sydney Chamber of Commerce yesterday, Mr. F. E. Winchcombe, M.L.C., said:—

"As an indisputable evidence of trade progress, there is perhaps no better illustration than that conveyed by the shipping statistics of the port. The number of vessels entered inwards during 1907 was 3328—tonnage, 6,070,800 tons; and the number passing outwards was 3305—tonnage, 6,008,000 tons. The increase in ships was something over 11 per cent., and in tonnage nearly 14½ per cent. for the year. It is an interesting and significant fact that during the 10 years from 1897 to 1907 the amount of steam tonnage entering and leaving Sydney Harbour has more than doubled, and reaches now 5½ million tons per annum each way. During the same period the sailing tonnage has increased 17 per cent.

"Sydney is now a regular port of call for upwards of 30 ocean-going steamship services; and in the case of most of these Sydney is practically the terminal Australian port, where they fill their bunkers and supply other requirements for the homeward voyage.

"Seeing what a rapid increase has taken place in the volume of shipping entering and leaving the port, it is little wonder that an outcry has arisen for more wharfage accommodation and better facilities for sorting and rapid handling of cargoes on discharge. During last year the chamber took this matter up, but the net result so far has been only a slight advance towards meeting requirements. Merchants blame the Customs for many delays; the Customs people blame the Harbour Trust for want of accommodation on the wharfs; the Harbour Trust blames the Government for not supplying necessary funds; and the Government take up the attitude that they cannot spare money for additional wharfage, and that there is no need for it anyhow. Meantime our port is acquiring a bad name. It is to be hoped the Government will recognise its responsibility in the matter, and see that money enough is placed at the disposal of the Harbour Trust Commissioners to enable them to do what is necessary to meet our increasing shipping requirements."

SCHEMES OF THE HARBOUR TRUST.

EXTENSIVE WORKS IN HAND.

AN EXPENDITURE OF £300,000.

With a view to providing additional facilities for the rapidly-growing shipping trade of this port, and at the same time remodelling that portion of the city adjacent to the wharfs, the Harbour Trust Commissioners are pushing on with many new works of an extensive character, involving an expenditure of between £250,000 and £300,000.

A programme of permanent improvements has been mapped out for years ahead, and several big schemes are under consideration. The sum of £85,000 voted by Parliament yesterday is a small part of the money which will be ultimately required, and this will be devoted to the many works now in progress. The expenses of the Harbour Trust average between £15,000 and £16,000 a month, and this rate is likely to be maintained.

The principal work now in hand is the construction of extensive wharfs at Darling Harbour, between Miller's Point and the gasworks, to accommodate oversea steamships of large tonnage. Operations were commenced towards the end of last year, and the work, which it is estimated will cost £150,000 or £160,000, will not be completed within the next 12 or 18 months. The plans provide for the construction along the water frontage of a cross wharf, from which three jetties, each 500ft in length, will run out at right angles into deep water, providing sufficient space for the largest vessels trading to Australia. Two of these jetties will be 100ft in width. The third and narrower will adjoin the wharfs at present occupied by Dalgety and Co., Ltd., and arrangements have already been completed with that firm for a lease.

REMOVAL OF THE GERMAN MAIL BOATS.

It is generally understood that upon completion of the work the two principal jetties will be occupied by the Norddeutscher Lloyd for German mail steamers and cargo boats. Negotiations have been proceeding for some time between the representatives of the Norddeutscher Lloyd and the Harbour Trust Commissioners. The removal of the great German fleet will relieve the congestion at the Circular Quay, and the company should be better accommodated at the new wharfs.

The two main jetties will be double-decked, and the upper deck will be approached by a new street which will start at Argyle-street, and, running parallel with Kent-street, will emerge into another new 66ft-wide street to be formed in lieu of the existing narrow thoroughfare known as Agar-street. It will be from about the centre of this proposed new highway for traffic that a bridge will be carried across the lower road connecting with the upper decks of the wharfs and sheds.

THE NEW ORIENT WHARF.

The alterations to the Orient-Royal Mail Company's wharf at the Circular Quay, in readiness for the mammoth liners under the new mail contract, are well under way, and with the exception of the rock excavation the work will be completed within a couple of months. It is anticipated that in four months the entire work will be completed, and the total cost will be about £8000 or £10,000.

OTHER WHARFS.

Tyser's wharf is being extended so as to accommodate larger vessels, and additional sheds are to be erected on the extension.

A start is about to be made with a new jetty for the Union S.S. Company of New Zealand, at the foot of Margaret-street, and the existing northern jetty is to be demolished.

A small jetty is being built by the Harbour Trust between the iron wharf in Darling Harbour and the Fresh Food and Ice Company's works. A rat-proof wall is also being constructed there, and when the work is finished the new jetty will be leased to the Fresh Food and Ice Company.

The premises of the Balmain New Ferry Company at the foot of Erskine-street are being reconstructed by the Trust, and additional facilities will be provided for the travelling public.

Another new jetty is nearing completion at Fort Macquarie for the Government launches and police patrol steamer, and it is expected that vessels will be able to berth there next week.

The Harbour Trust also has in hand the extension of the Adelaide S.S. Company's northern jetty at the Grafton wharf, known as the No. 1 Grafton jetty, and the work is being pushed speedily on.

Rat-proof walls are being completed at the wharfs of the A.U.S.N. Company and the Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, and in addition a vast amount of repair work is receiving attention.

DEATH OF MR. W. F. WADE.

BROTHER OF THE PREMIER.

Mr. William Fleming Wade, a younger brother of Mr. C. G. Wade, the State Premier, died in a private hospital at Randwick on Wednesday night.

Mr. W. F. Wade had been in bad health for some time, so that his death did not come altogether as a surprise. Before his removal to the private hospital Mr. Wade had been living near Lane Cove. His age was 40.

REFERENCE IN PARLIAMENT.

In the Assembly yesterday afternoon Mr. Holman, on behalf of the Opposition, expressed deep sympathy with the Premier in his family bereavement. He asked the Minister for Works to convey the Opposition's deep sense of the great personal loss the Premier had sustained, and its regret that the loss should have occurred at a moment when the Premier was heavily burdened with matters involving great public anxiety.

Mr. Lee said he would gladly convey to the Premier the message of condolence from the Opposition so gracefully expressed.

STATE PARLIAMENTS.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

A curious feature in connection with the sitting of the Assembly to-day was that Mr. Archibald, ex-leader of the Labour party, treated the Liberal Labour Government to some candid criticism. He could not have been more caustic in some of his remarks if he had been the leader of an aggressive Opposition. A striking contrast was supplied when two members of the Opposition followed Mr. Archibald, and commended Ministers for their cautious administration during the recess, and congratulated them on the moderation of the policy outlined for the session.

THE BOOKMAKERS' STRIKE.

"BLIND TOTE" AT BROKEN HILL.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

The blind tote operated at yesterday's Broken Hill cup meeting, and carried about £3500 for the six races. Of this amount about £900 was invested on the cup alone. In addition, nearly £1000 was held on the cup by the club's bookmakers, so that close on £2000 was carried on one race. The jockey club, despite the bookmakers' strike, will come out with a decent profit.

AUSTRALIA'S CHAMPION.

BILL SQUIRES' RETURN.

FIGHTING IN AMERICA.

PERTH (W.A.), Thursday.

Squires, the hero of the Australian fistic arena, returned to Australia to-day by the R.M.S. Oruba. When spoken to by a reporter, Squires unassumingly chatted about his varied experiences while away. "I've been suffering from rheumatism," he said, "practically ever since I left Australia, and, of course, that has had a lot to do with my being defeated. I am getting rid of it now, and hope to be in the best of condition when I meet Burns in Australia. I have never fought in a proper state of health since I left here to go to America, and have never really had a chance to get going. I am hopeful that the warmer climate of the eastern States will fix me up altogether, and that I may on this occasion do myself justice."

"You like your chance, then?" he was asked.

"Yes; I think I have a very fair chance indeed this time. Of course, Burns is a mighty good man, but I am improving with each fight, and can do much better than I did at Paris. I was not too good then, and I feel better already, so it stands to reason that my chances should be greatly improved."

"Have you changed your style of boxing at all?"

"Well, I don't know that I would say that I have changed it exactly; but I certainly have picked up a lot. My fights with Burns—and he is the fastest man at the weight at present in the ring—have taught me a great deal, and I have naturally livened up myself. I like in-fighting. That is how I fight; but Burns can get away so quickly that he has to be watched, for he is clever all round the ring in fighting, foot work, or anything else. He hits hard, and fights always with his head. Yes, he is a very clever boxer, and, besides, taking a lot of punishment, it takes a terrible lot to knock him out."

Your first fight was disappointing?—Yes; of course, it is all very well to talk now, but I felt what was coming soon after we started. The rheumatism made me slow, and Burns was like lightning with his hits. I was overtrained, and naturally a state which also made me slow. I kept going for a bit, but he landed me on the temple and dazed me. Then he knocked me out. I spent a lot of time in the country at hot springs, trying to get the rheumatism out of my system, and when the fight with Twin Sullivan was arranged I thought it was a sure thing for me. I never gave Sullivan a chance. But when I started I found that the hot springs and other treatment had not taken the stiffness out. We fought 19 rounds, and the fight was then stopped, Sullivan getting the verdict. I unexpectedly found myself getting terribly tired. I seemed to be breaking up, and simply stood to it, and defended myself, hoping to wear him out. My seconds had to push me up from my chair when the gong went, for I was that tired I could not get up on to my feet myself. The muscles in my legs went, and several times my feet slipped from under me, and I fell to the floor. You may judge from that what a disadvantage the complaint was to me.

You were better in Ireland?—Yes; as soon as I left America and got on the sea I seemed to get better, and in the fight with Roche in Ireland I was a much-improved man; although nothing like my Australian winning condition. Then I was still better in Paris. But I could have been much better. The stiffness in the shoulders from rheumatism had not worn off; but still I was much more fit than I had been.

Yes; in that fight I nearly had Burns, but the gong put him right. Two rounds were all mine, the fourth and fifth, and I had him in lots of trouble. But he is a game 'un, and came at me again as though he had hardly been touched. He outed me in the eighth round; but not with a body punch, as it has been stated. He landed me hard on the point with his right. Burns told me afterwards that he thought it was the toughest go he had ever had. He thought that he was out at last. Had it been in the middle of the round that I had him rattled I would have had him; but the gong saved him. Luck! I think Burns improves with each fight, for the added confidence of each win makes a man feel in winning mood more than anything else. It is generally admitted that Burns is one of the best boxers America has produced.

Boxing has taken on in Paris?—Yes, it is surprising how it has caught on. The public patronise contests splendidly, many ladies always being in evidence. Parisians get very excited over a fight, and shout and yell and carry on something terrible.

But they are good sporting people?—I heard that some of the officials were adversely criticising the sport. But! Well, I've heard something of the kind in Australia as well. At present there is quite a boom on in France in the fighting line.

Boxing is still a popular sport in America?—Certainly, and perhaps most popular. I was treated splendidly by the American people and press, which I must say treated me with absolute fairness. Their fighting there in the general run is pretty hot. When you see their fighting you come to the conclusion that we in Australia fight too fair; too fair altogether. There is all in the clinch, and there's no such thing apparently as a foul. They get with their head down, and get at you with everything—fist, elbow, wrist, and head. It's all the same to them, and it's lightning, I can tell you. The fighting only commences when in-fighting starts. By the way, it must not be thought that Burns fights in that manner. He is, as I said before, a man, every inch of him; fights fast, hits hard, and is clever. But, above all, he is fair; always fair.

Why is it he won't fight Johnson?—That is simple, and to me appears to be merely a matter of business. Burns has the title of world's champion, and he draws the colour line, because, so to speak, he can't afford to risk losing the title. At present he is making money and has plenty of engagements. He can't be a boxer all his life. None of us can; and it's a case of making hay while the sun shines. Burns is married, and has to take care that his family will be well provided for, as the result of his present position, in days when he may perchance be a back number. It is all bunkum to say that Burns is frightened of Johnson. He is not. Mind you, when the two comes together it will be a fight of fights. Johnson is champion beyond all doubt, and a big strong chap with tremendous hitting powers, and really clever with his hands. When I met him he struck me as being a very decent fellow, not given to blow. Burns, of course, has these qualifications, and in my opinion, for I have seen both men fight, has the additional advantage of being much quicker in the ring. Johnson does not talk much about fight, except when he means business; and while I was talking with him Burns was never mentioned. He has a lot of music-hall engagements at present, and is making big money at that.

How does Australian boxing compare with British?—English is distinctly higher class than that of Australia, because they have such a great population to draw from, and the sport naturally is better patronised. They have some good men there. Gunner Moir is a great boxer. He ought to make a name for himself. Roche is only a young man, and looks the part of a pugilist. He wants a lot of experience yet, but you will see that he will come on in America. The lightweight classes are fine. Few Australians, Hock Keys perhaps excepted, would have a chance with some of them. A lad named Joe Gans, who turns the scale at 133lb, would astonish them here; and in fact I don't think there is a man who could touch him.

Asked about his own arrangements, Squires said: Of course, much depends on the result of my fights in Australia. I am going home, however, for I have had several offers made me, and am going to take them on. I was to have fought Moir, but owing to his music hall engagements the fight had to fall through. But we will fight next time. Then there is a man named M'Vey, who is backed by a French syndicate, and a match with him will probably be arranged for me. He fought Johnson several times, and is said to be much like him in style.

About Johnson himself?—Well, I don't draw any colour line, and I'm in the fighting business, you know. If I had the title, and had to defend it, well I'd have a cut at him. But so far nothing has been suggested of a match. I want to have a cut at some of the American boxers also, but it's sure that I'm going back there anyway.

In conclusion, Squires said he felt that he would fight better in Australia, where he was among his own people and his own friends. "It makes all the difference in the world," he added, "when you fight among strangers. I'm not in too good condition at the present time. It is only natural after a long voyage. If I get three or four weeks' training before the match with Burns, I'll put up a good go; and this time, well, I'm hoping for the best."

BRITISH FOOTBALLERS.

CITIZENS' RECEPTION.

SEND-OFF TO AUSTRALIAN TEAM.

The British team, after having concluded a tour in New Zealand, will reach Sydney to-day, and will play a series of matches in N.S.W. and Queensland.

The visitors will be accorded this evening a reception by the citizens of Sydney at the Town Hall. At the same time the Australian team for England will be given a send-off.

The Premier, Mr. C. G. Wade, and Sir Francis Suttor, will extend a welcome to the British team and the Australians will be "farewelled" by Mr. C. W. Oakes, Honorary Minister, and Mr. John Hughes, M.L.C.

POSTAL COMMISSION.

MR. SCOTT FURTHER EXAMINED.

POLITICAL AGITATION.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

The Postal Commission continued its sittings to-day.

Mr. Scott, continuing his evidence, said, in reply to Senator Mulcahy, that if left to himself he would submit to the Ministers only the more important matters, and also applications made by or through members of Parliament. He made it a rule to submit all matters affecting politics to the Minister, forwarding at the same time a recommendation.

Questioned as to what he considered important matters were, he mentioned estimates, English mail contracts, large questions of public policy, and proposals involving large expenditure.

Replying to further questions by Senator Mulcahy, Mr. Scott said that, speaking generally, complaints against the department, complaints of delayed telegrams and correspondence, errors in delivery, etc., were admitted. If there was ground for all the complaints in the press regarding the failings of the department, there appeared to be a lack of efficiency. The complaints applied particularly to the Postal branch, where inefficient men were employed. The inefficiency of those men was due to the fact that they were only temporary employees; kept on generally for about six months, and in that period they could not be trained.

Senator Mulcahy: On the whole you admit that the public have had good grounds for complaint?—I think that recently they have had more cause for complaint than formerly.

Asked whether there was anything approaching disaffection in the ranks, he said "disaffection" was rather a large word, but judging from communications given to the press there was a certain amount of disaffection. If officers published their complaints to the press over their own names they would be dealt with under the regulations.

Senator Mulcahy produced a copy of the "Queensland Service Journal," dated May 30, in which certain charges and statements were made in an article commenting on "The Cabinet Committee," and asked was there any ground for the suggestion that men who gave evidence before the Cabinet Committee might afterwards suffer, or have their position or prospects prejudiced?

Mr. Scott replied that the statements in this article were palpable absurdities. He might use stronger language, and describe the statement as lies. He challenged anyone to give an instance of where men in the service were prejudiced, or punished, for making statements or charges that were true. He was aware that officers in the department made up their minds not to give evidence before the committee.

Further questioned, Mr. Scott said he was not in favour of penny postage. He was not aware that there were grave reductions recently in some country services.

Mr. Webster: You made a statement that this Commission was the result of political agitation?—Yes, I did.

On what ground?—On the ground that the association took a plebiscite as to whether an inquiry should be held or not. The association can command a large number of votes. It is only natural to conclude that they influenced politicians.

Have you any evidence that a plebiscite was used as an argument to bring about the appointment of this Commission?—That is my opinion.

You made the statement that this Commission was the result of political influence. Can you prove that?—That was my opinion when I made the statement, and is now.

But you can surely show some grounds for your statement?—My opinion was that the mover of the resolution appointing this committee was briefed by the officers of the department.

Can you prove that?—I give it as a matter of opinion.

Mr. Webster: I can only say that it is a vile slander, as I shall prove before I finish.

Mr. Scott said he was entitled to express his opinion on the matter when asked.

Mr. Webster produced a collection of typewritten documents, which he mentioned was a production of the association of employees, and asked witness could he point to any statement therein made by him (Mr. Webster) that was not based on reports of the department's officers.

Mr. Scott: You made a statement about a man named Clark that was not based on a report of the officers of the department.

Mr. Webster: Then you need not read these reports.

Mr. Scott: I read them as far as they went, and I cannot say that they bear out the assertion that Clark died from overwork.

Mr. Webster: You know he died at his post; that he fell in the office and had to be carried out?—Yes; I fell myself once on the floor of my office and was unable to walk out. Clark wrote me a private note some years ago, asking me on his behalf to retain him in the service as long as possible. I showed that note to some of his brother officers of the department.

I want that note produced.—I think I showed it to Mr. Templeton at the time.

Mr. Webster: There was an officer in charge of the inland mail branch while Mr. Clark was off duty—an officer named Mr. Flynn?

Mr. Scott said there was such an officer.

Mr. Webster read extracts from a report made by Flynn, in which that officer said he almost feared to speak of Clark in the matter of overwork, and that during the past three years he had been witness of the fearful mental strain to which Clark had been subjected.

Mr. Scott said he should have some corroboration of that report before he paid any attention to it. He did not admit that Mr. Arnold had endorsed this report or the statements contained in it. There was no desire to retain Clark in the department, but he had asked to be retained.

Mr. Webster: Did not Clark apply for his leave time after time, with a view to retirement?—No, I deny that.

Would it surprise you to know that he did apply?

Mr. Scott: It would surprise me to know that he was refused if he applied.

Mr. Webster: Would it surprise you to know that he was told that he could not be spared?

Mr. Scott said he had corroborative evidence of officers to whom he showed Clark's note, asking to be retained.

Mr. Webster said he would have to see the note before he accepted that statement.

The chairman, intervening, reminded Mr. Webster that Mr. Scott was giving his evidence on oath.

Mr. Scott repeated that he showed the note to Mr. Templeton and other officers.

Mr. Webster: With regard to this Fynn. Are you aware that he stated that he had only 10 nights off in the whole year?

Mr. Scott said if the statement were true there was scandalous mismanagement somewhere.

Witness was next subjected to a long examination as to delay in putting the proposed amalgamation scheme into operation at Sydney, and was asked whether the scheme had not broken down altogether.

Mr. Scott said that he had largely relied on information supplied by the Deputy Postmaster-General in regard to the condition of affairs in the Sydney G.P.O. He was not aware that Mr. Young held any very strong views.

Mr. Webster: Had you anything to do with Mr. Young's appointment?

Mr. Scott said he made recommendations. The first was not acceptable, and in the alternative he recommended Mr. Young as the best man he could find in the Sydney office. His anticipations with regard to Mr. Young were not, however, fully realised.

Mr. Webster: Is it not a fact that Mr. Young was hampered and restricted through lack of sufficient power?

Mr. Scott: Not to any greater extent than other Deputy Postmasters-General.

At this stage the Commission adjourned till the following day.

INDIGNANT PARLIAMENTARY REPORTERS.

WALK OUT OF THE GALLERY.

PERTH (W.A.), Thursday.

The "West Australian" and "Morning Herald" reporters walked out of the press gallery in the Legislative Assembly in a body this afternoon, as a protest against the action of the house committee in deciding that they should use as press rooms certain unsuitable apartments, remote from the press gallery door. The trouble has intermittently extended over the past three years, and was brought to a head by the issuing of orders to the gallery policeman to prevent reporters using the rooms originally designed for the press.

MISHAP TO THE ORTONA.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

The outward-bound steamer Ortona went aground apparently in mid-channel abreast of the Green light beacon shortly after leaving the wharf at the outer harbour this afternoon, in continuation of her voyage to London. The tug Wato was sent to the steamer's assistance, but the Ortona floated off with the flood tide at about 3.45 p.m., and proceeded on her voyage.

AFTER THE STRIKE.

COALS OF FIRE.

FULL SERVICE RESTORED.

MR. LAWTON STILL SUFFERING.

POSITION OF THE UNION.

The tramway strike, which for the past few days has occupied such a prominent place in the public eye, is now relegated to the past.

A depressing silence hung over the deserted offices of the union at the Trades Hall, where excited groups of strikers met on Wednesday in heated arguments as to their chances of success or failure. The concert halls in the building, which for the past five days resounded with the laughter and song of idle men, were empty and deserted. The vain-glorious speeches of confident unionists, calling upon their fellows to remain strong and loyal to the principles of unionism, were silenced. A few men who have not yet been reinstated discussed their chances of being back to work within a few days, but these did not number more than half a dozen.

The Trades Hall was silent, but the tramway service was very much alive, and out in the cars in the streets many of the men who on Wednesday waited anxiously for the end of the trouble, grasped the handles and once more earned their daily bread.

On Wednesday the Tramway Traffic Superintendent, Mr. Kneeshaw, was present at his office in Bridge-street until a late hour receiving hundreds of applicants for reinstatement in the service. Those who had no offences recorded against them were accepted, and between 1 and 2 a.m. yesterday morning over half a dozen carloads of ex-strikers were despatched from Bridge-street to the different depots in the very cars from which, five days previously, they had stepped at the bidding of the union, and left them standing in the streets. Last Friday morning saw an exodus to the Trades Hall. Wednesday night saw a humiliating return to Bridge-street.

The officials at the department were working throughout the night reinstating men and assigning them duties at the various depots. Yesterday the normal, pre-strike conditions were prevailing in the service, and the strike was finished and half-forgotten.

A large crowd waited at the Tramway Superintendent's office again yesterday, seeking reinstatement, and over 2000 applications to rejoin the service have been received. The applicants had to be allowed to enter the office in batches of about 40 at a time, and the task of dealing with the large number of men was exceedingly arduous. They were, however, greeted in a friendly way by the officials.

The opinion both of the men here and at the Trades Hall was that the men had been beaten, owing to the failure of an attempt to bring about a general strike. However, the men seemed to be entirely sick of the whole business, and heartily glad to return to honest work.

Ninety men from the Ultimo power-house, about 260 employees from the car sheds, and about 70 men from Randwick depot, who joined the strikers, appeared at the office of the Electrical Engineer in Phillip-street yesterday, and applied for reinstatement, but they were informed that in most cases their places had been filled. The majority of the vacancies still existing will be filled by married men, but there were not sufficient vacancies even for these.

BACK TO THE OLD GROOVE.

TRAMWAYS WORKING SMOOTHLY.

PRACTICALLY ALL OLD HANDS RE-ENGAGED.

COMMENDABLE PROMPTITUDE OF OFFICIALS.

The expedition with which the tramway service was put back into the old groove is a matter that reflects credit upon the officials, as well as does the manner in which they provided an urgency service within a comparatively short period of the stoppage on Friday.

When it was expected that the strike would commence at midday on Friday arrangements were made accordingly to continue the traffic, but the crisis was precipitated a couple of hours earlier than had been anticipated. The traffic and power branches, controlled respectively by Messrs. Kneeshaw and Brain, were, however, on the alert, and within a short time of the stoppage an emergency traffic was in operation.

The restoration of the service yesterday was equally prompt. Early in the day every line was being satisfactorily worked, and by noon the old time-table was being adhered to. By the time the evening rush homewards came the extra cars necessary for the busy period were in commission, and the power-house, working at overload, was providing means of traction for as much rolling stock as would have been the case had the strike never occurred. Practically the whole of the reorganisation was done on Wednesday night, the principal officers of the superintendent's staff remaining at their posts till the small hours of Thursday morning to put things back to normal conditions.

Questioned as to what the strike cost the department, neither the Tramway Branch nor the Railway Department could furnish exact figures. Some idea, however, may be gleaned from the fact that during the week ended Saturday last—which included two strike days—the receipts were £16,560. That is about £3000 below an ordinary week's earnings. But even if there had been no interruption, the heavy downpour of rain would have interfered with traffic returns very considerably. For the six days over which the strike extended there was, necessarily, a pronounced falling-off in the traffic. There was, however, some little set-off in the fact that a reduction was made in expenses, owing to so many men being off duty. There was also a gain on the railway traffic, which became so heavy as to necessitate the introduction of a five-minutes' train service on the suburban line. The figures were not available yesterday at the railway offices as to the increased traffic for the six days; but it was known that on the first day of the strike additional suburban passengers to the number of 10,000 were carried.

No special bonus was paid to the men who were taken, and as an indication of the coolness and readiness with which the difficulty was met, it is stated that the new men taken into the service were engaged in the ordinary way—that is, the regular staff-committee was set to work, and the man passed into the service in exactly the same way as prevails under normal conditions. The officers generally showed no indications of panic, and so far as the principal officers were concerned the railway work went on in exactly the same way as if nothing out of the common had transpired.

Inquiry at the tramway offices yesterday afternoon elicited the information that practically the whole of the old staff, with necessary exceptions, had been reinstated. The tramway service was working smoothly in all respects, and the old day and night timetables had been again adopted.

WORKING AGAIN AT NEWCASTLE.

MEN SIGN ON IN A BODY.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

The tramway service is in full swing again, to the infinite relief of everyone, and more especially to suburban residents.

This morning the tramway employees who had been on strike held a formal meeting, and then returned to work in a body. They marched up Scott-street, about 70 strong, to the tramway offices, and there nearly all were signed on. Shortly afterwards the full service was in going order again. The local superintendent, Mr. Murray, is still considering the claims of two or three men who have not yet been taken back. The feeling amongst certain of the men that they had not been treated fairly by the Sydney executive is still very strong.

POSITION AT BROKEN HILL.

SERVICE RESUMED.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

The Government trams resumed running this morning. The men received news from Sydney that the strike had been declared off, and communicated with the manager (Mr. Shelverton). As a result the cars were quickly on the lines and running as usual. The best possible feeling prevailed between the local manager and the men, and the strike will make no difference to the status of any of the men.

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nity are glad that their inconvenience is over, and the tramway men also say that they are glad the trouble is at an end.

The Engine Drivers and Firemen's Association last night passed the following resolutions:—(1) "That the secretary telegraph to the Sydney Tramway Union our congratulations on their determined stand for justice, and pledge our support; and further, we hope every union will do the same." (2) "That we heartily congratulate the local tramway employees on the stand they have taken in the present trouble, recognising that injury to one is injury to all."

MR. PETER BOWLING'S SYMPATHY.

A CAUSTIC TELEGRAM.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

This morning Mr. Peter Bowling sent the following wire to Mr. Cochran, secretary of the Trades and Labour Council in Sydney:—"Deeply sympathise with tramway men in their betrayal. (Signed) Peter Bowling."

MR. LAWTON'S CONDITION.

Dr. Gwynne Hughes, who is attending Mr. Lawton, stated yesterday that his condition was slightly better. He bore no marks of violence, but was suffering from overwork. Constables Leary and Surridge, of the Police Department, are making investigations in connection with the attack made upon Mr. Lawton.

He was removed by ambulance from the Hughenden Hotel yesterday afternoon to his home.

THE ELECTRICAL BRANCH.

MORE MEN THAN POSITIONS.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN?

Mr. O. W. Brain, electrical engineer for railways and tramways, supplied some interesting information last evening respecting the position of the return of the men who went out from the electrical staff of the department.

The number of this staff who struck was 440, out of a total of 1450 hands. The 440 were made up as follows:—Power-house staff, 90; car sheds, 260; overhead wire men, 20; and Randwick overhauling staff, 70. The section of the staff who remained at its post comprised the power-house engineers, switchboard men, some of the dynamo attendants, substation switchboard men, and telephone attendants, the Randwick repairs staff, which included turners, fitters, boilermakers, blacksmiths, car-builders, carpenters, painters, and labourers, the fitters, wire men, most of the armature winders, and sundry boys connected with the electrical repairs shop.

The men who did come out comprised practically the whole of the following:—Firemen, fuelmen, greasers, pit men, controllers, overhead line men, labourers, and cleaners in the pits, and proportion of the boilermakers, dynamo attendants, armature winders, plumbers, labourers, apprentices, and shop boys.

It will thus be seen that the section of the entire staff that went out consisted of a number of different branches of the electrical service, and as the Chief Commissioner has directed that the married men are to be found positions first, it follows that there has been a great deal of changing about in the positions of the men reappointed; for instance, a number of married men who could not return to the car sheds were allowed to replace the single men who went out from the power-house. Mr. Brain and his staff have been working at high pressure to get the positions filled, and they are unable yet to give the number of the men who went out that have not been reinstated. Last evening, however, Mr. Brain gave the following figures:—

Numbr of positions not yet filled.
At Randwick, 3 adults and 24 boys.
At Ultimo, 2 adults and 8 boys.
Car sheds, no adults, 110 boys.
Overhead line men, 14 adults.

It was discovered that in the scramble to get the men back, four more men had been appointed to the car sheds than there were positions to fill. Those men will have to take adult positions in other places. At the present time there remained only 15 adult positions to be filled, and for those posts the number of the old staff who had applied for reinstatement were 95 married men, 56 single men, and 146 boys, so that there are 80 more married men than adult positions remaining, in addition to which there are 56 single men applying, or a total of 136 more than there are positions to fill. In other words, there are 151 more men scrambling to fill 15 vacancies, and there are four more boys than vacancies. The Chief Commissioner, who has been doing his utmost for the men who went on strike, directed yesterday that the boys' positions were to be kept open, with a view of giving him the opportunity of considering whether the work hitherto done by boys might not be carried out by at least some of the married men, who would not otherwise be provided for.

There is, however, a little brighter side to the cloud, and this is now being considered. There is a certain amount of construction work, consisting of laying overhead cables in connection with the extension of the power-house plan, for additional power requires additional cables to convey it, and the Chief Commissioner has directed that, as soon as possible, this work be put in hand, and, by this means, it was hoped 30 or 40 additional men will be added to the overhead line staff, which at present is 20 strong.

There is also, in addition to this, a quantity of new rolling stock, which, it is hoped, will go into service in a few months. These consist of 57 new four-wheel cars made by the Meadowbank Company, and 70 large eighty passenger cars, also made by the same company. Added to this, approval has been given for the building of a further 25 cars of the same type, making a total of 152 new cars that have to be housed. There is a new car-shed being built at Dowling-street, Moore Park, to accommodate the new cars. A large shed is also being built at North Sydney to provide for the intended increase of the rolling-stock and equipment of that suburb. These carsheds will have to be manned with the necessary staff, consisting of fitters, pitmen, controller men, labourers, and others, who will carry out the work of overhauling and the cleaning of the electrical equipment and car bodies of the 152 new cars. So that, if the Chief Commissioner carries out his proposal to retain married men in the boys' division, it would not be very long before a number of them would be required in their old capacity in connection with the new rolling-stock.

REFERENCE IN PARLIAMENT.

During the sitting of the Legislative Assembly yesterday several questions were asked concerning matters arising out of the tramway strike.

The CHIEF SECRETARY, in answer to Mr. Levy, said he was disposed to favourably consider any suggestion for granting to members of the Police Force some reward for their excellent services during the recent trouble. He had advised the Inspector-General of Police to this effect.

The TREASURER, replying to Mr. J. Storey, promised to confer with the Chief Railway Commissioner as to what could be done for the 40 men who came out from the power-house and whose places had all been taken by others. Replying to a question from Mr. Estell, the Treasurer said that he would see the Chief Commissioner, and ask him if he could deal with the cases of former employees who had not yet been reinstated before his departure for Broken Hill.

In answer to Mr. Beeby, the TREASURER, said that six special officers had been employed by the Tramway Department during the last 12 months, but only two were employed at a time. During that period 18 tramway officials had been dismissed and 46 punished, including the 18 dismissed men, consequent upon the reports of these officers.

LESSONS OF THE STRIKE.

AMALGAMATION OF UNIONS.

Mr. J. H. Catts, M.P., hon. general secretary of the N.S.W. Amalgamated Railway and Tramway Service Association, spoke yesterday with reference to the termination of the strike. "The one great lesson for the men," he said, "is that one section cannot act independently of another in the service on large issues. I need not now refer to the question in dispute nor the wisdom of the steps taken to remedy an injustice. All decent unionists are sorry to see their fellow-unionists end up as the tramway men. They apparently ceased work in the belief that other unions affiliated with them were at their call in the day of need. Had this belief been realised they would have at least had a fight for their pains. The reverse has happened, with resultant disaster. What is wanted is amalgamation of all the sectional unions in existence in the railway and tramway service.

"The Engine Drivers and the Tramway and the Traffic unions have certainly sent representatives to a central council of a voluntary character. This grand council was a kind of advisory board, with no enforceable authority. Our association stood out from this scheme, because whilst it conceded the principle of amalgamation in name it had no practical power. We knew it must fail at the crucial moment. What is wanted is not a loose affiliation, but amalgamation. Instead of sectional bodies being independent unions they should be branches of the grand council, as the governing committee of management of the whole.

"At present each of our four unions in the service defends its members in appeal cases. Each has to attend to organising, financial problems, service conditions, and the editing and managing of newspapers. In each case the one general secretary has to divide up his time under these respective heads, except in the case of the Tramway Union, where a salaried president has been engaged recently. With amalgamation we could have specialised departments, with a permanent head in charge of each.

"I believe there is a good chance of this amalgamation taking place. The secretary of the Traffic Union has stated his conviction in the principle of amalgamation during the last few days, and the secretary of the Tramway Union has said that owing to the failure of the grand council idea he is very favourably disposed to the thorough consideration of the idea. I am very hopeful that we shall all be able to agree on the general principle, when I feel quite sure an acceptable scheme can be evolved."

THE TRAMWAY UNION.

ITS PRESENT POSITION.

Mr. Warton, secretary of the Tramway Employees' Union, was present at the Trades Hall yesterday, but Mr. Lawton, the president, was confined to his bed.

Mr. Warton when seen said:—"The strength of the union will not, I consider, be injured by this strike. In my opinion it will be considerably augmented, because the strike has been an object-lesson to the men. A number of men may be disheartened at present, but they will all come back to the union before long.

"It was not an unconditional surrender, because we have gained for Croucher a disinterested tribunal, and his case will be heard by Mr. Justice Street in the Industrial Disputes Court."

REWARD FOR LOYALTY.

FURTHER SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Additional subscriptions were received yesterday by Messrs. T. J. Hitchman and E. L. Davis, trustees of the tramway employees' loyalty reward fund, and the secretary, Mr. A. P. Wyly, last evening supplied the following list:—

Stockowners' Association of N.S.W.	£50 0 0
Anonymous	25 0 0
The "Glaciarium"	10 10 0
Minter, Simpson, and Co.	10 10 0
W. E. Smith	5 5 0
John Keep and Sons, Ltd.	5 5 0

John Gilchrist, £1 1s; L. C. Russell Jones, £1 1s; A Friend, 10s; Hinchcliff, Holt, and Co., £2 2s; French Sympathy, £1 1s; Langer Owen, K.C., £1 1s; F. J. Thomas, £1 1s; L. B. Rudder, £4; Mrs. L. B. Rudder, £3; John Dynon, Son, and Co., £1 1s; W. C. Penfold and Co., £2 2s; A. J. Warry, £1 1s; A. J. Cape, £2 2s; Loyalty, £2 2s; Mrs. Speer and Miss Wegg, £1 1s; M'Carthy and Maxwell, £1 1s; P. A. Rabbett, £1 1s; Herbert Clarke, £1 1s; Frossard, Levic, and Co., £1 1s; Hanbury Davies, £1 1s; H. Peden Steel, £1 1s; F. J. Bethune, £1 1s; "Myrlyn," Darling Point, 10s; Admirers of Pluck, 5s; W. C. Rivett, £1 1s; W. H. Wrothe, £1 1s; A. W. Mansell, £1 1s; J. W. Allen, £1; T. B. Gaden, £1 1s; F. M'Kenzie, £1 1s; J. C. Darke, £1 1s; S. Henderson, £1 1s; L. Henderson, £1 1s; F. H. Wiltshire, £1 1s; J. T. Hourigan, £1 1s; Hain and Searight, £1 1s; E. O. Jones, £1 1s; W. Robertson, £1 1s; W. Drabble, £1 1s; W. Carpenter, 10s; A. Johnson, £1 1s; G. Maiden, £1 1s; E. Elsworth, £1 1s; J. Strickland, £1 1s; Pitt, Son, and Badgery, £1 1s; J. B. Spencer, £1 1s; Walter M. Allen, £1; F. D. Kent, £1 1s; A Manly Resident, £2 2s; from 33 Sympathisers, £4 4s 6d; Hy. Moses, junr., £2 2s; T. J. A. Clark, £1 1s; T. J. Hitchman, £2 2s; Alexander Gordon, £2 2s; G. W. Henty, £1 1s; F. Foster Hall, £1 1s; H. F. Dawborn, £1 1s; W. H. Smith, 2s 6d; H. Jacobson, £1 1s; E. Caban, 2s 6d; F. G. White, £1 1s; J. W. Simmonds, £1 1s; Wellwisher, 10s; H. W. Carey, £1 1s; H. Stuart Osborne, £1 1s; Geo. Osborne, £1 1s; J. C. Manchee, £1 1s; Dr. L. Herschel Harris, £1 1s; J. V. T., £1 1s; C. E. P., 10s 6d; H. P. C., 10s; W. H. M., 5s; E. A. L., 1s; W. H. F., 5s; A. H. W., 5s; R. M. K., 5s; H. D. W., 5s; A. A. C., 5s; M. M. D'L., 5s; F. L. V. C., 5s; W. C. R., 2s 6d; J. W. H. H., 5s; J. S. H., 5s; J. J. D'A., 2s; A. E. R., 2s; W. B., 2s 6d; G. D. P., 2s 6d; J. S. W., 2s; D. G. B., 2s 6d; W. C. L., 1s; H. E. M., 1s; W. K. S., 2s; H. R. W., 1s; C. D. W. W., 2s; E. H. W., 1s; C. A., 2s 6d; R. E. W., 2s 6d; F. M. G., 2s 6d; A. E. W., 2s 6d; V. D. H. B., 2s; A. E. C., 2s 6d; G. C. H. F., 2s 6d; A. J. H., 1s; A. B., 1s; W. P., 1s; T. C., 2s; J. L., 2s 6d; F. D., 2s 6d; W. M'C., 1s; Dodds and Richardson, £2 2s; Geo. Miller, £1 1s; H. C. Ellison Rich, £1 1s; Henry Moses, M.L.C., £3 3s.

The donation of £10 as Maiden Bros. should be Ross Bros., of Kinross, Germanton, per Maiden Bros.

To the above must be added the following, which were received at the office of the "Herald":—

E. H. Mackay, £1 1s; Frank F. Bemdoch, £1 1s; John W. Deering, £1 1s; Clara Deering, 10s 6d; Ewan Frazer, £2 2s; C. J. Bayley-Macarthur, £1 1s; Sydney C. of E. Grammar School for Girls and friends, 16s.

POLICE REWARD.

A number of persons have written expressing admiration of the conduct of the police during the recent strike. The following have forwarded subscriptions:—

A. P. Lord, £1 1s; W. H. Ford, 10s 6d; H. Warren, £1 1s; Madame Ford, 10s; sympathiser, 5s; Law and Order, 5s 6d; Weary Willie, 5s; Tivoli, Rose Bay, £5 10s; S. J. Rabone, £1 1s; Mrs. S. J. Rabone, £1 1s; H. R. Rabone, £1 1s; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wentworth, £1 1s; T. F. Knox, £1 1s; Pratt and Pratt, £1 1s; Unemployed, 1s; J. C. Goodwin and Co., £5; E. Biddulph Henning, £1 1s; Regd. H. Long Innes, £2 2s; F. H. King, £1 1s; E. H., 5s; H. W. Fairfax, £1 1s; T. S. Clibborn, £1 1s; E. C. M., 10s; Loyalty, 10s 6d; Three Women, 9s; Merchant, 10s; L. and D., 5s; The M. A. Ltd., £5 5s; Bessie Pring, £1 1s; A. E. Forster, £1 1s; F. G. Crouch, £1 1s; Waygood, Limited, £1; J. B. Nicholson, £1; Standard Electric Elevator Company, £1; Mr. and Mrs. R. O'Donnell, £1 1s; Fred. Catts, 4s; Alex. E. Doig, £1 1s; Loyalty, £5; A. S. F., 5s.

LOYALTY AT INVERELL.

INVERELL, Thursday.

At a public meeting, convened by requisition to the Mayor, held yesterday, the following resolution, moved by Mr. W. H. Readett, seconded by Mr. R. G. Howard, was unanimously carried,—"That this meeting of citizens of Inverell views with indignation the most uncalled-for strike of drivers and conductors of tramways, and we congratulate the Premier and Commissioners on their firmness, and on the probably quick termination of unwarrantable interference with the constituted laws of the State."

SATISFACTION IN RAILWAY SUBURBS.

COMMENT ON THE SYDNEY LABOUR COUNCIL.

The prevailing note in suburban areas served by the trains and trams, to the west of the city particularly, was one of profound thankfulness yesterday. Even those who had sympathised with strikers to the extent of walking from and to the Sydney railway station were satisfied. The working classes who fill the early trains felt the unusual demand upon their strength severely. The opinion that the strikers had gained something by being taken back to work, and by Mr. Johnson's promise to consider each case himself, was general, but otherwise the importance of the defeat was not lost sight of.

"A strike against the Government is always doomed to failure," said a leading railway officer yesterday, "unless its way is fully paved weeks ahead through every branch of the service. If one union or branches not in unions stand out, the move must ultimately be crippled. Apart from that, the fact that such a strike hits an innocent party—the public, which owns the tramways and railways—is one sure reason for failure. Even if the strike had lasted for weeks, the result would have been the same. The blow to organised labour, which has a wrong idea of the real purposes and benefits of guilds or unions, is very salutary. 'Defence, not defiance,' is the watchword of many of these bodies, and the wonder is that they do not act up to the motto. It will take the Sydney Labour Council a long time to get over the shock it has received. As a body the council has had its head turned by being called 'the People's Parliament' and other fine terms. It liked to pass resolutions and communicate them to the representatives of labour in the real Parliament of the people, but it is only a debating society when all is said. It will lose unions over its attitude towards those bodies which it tried to bluff into joining a great strike."

A UNION SECRETARY CHARGED.

CASE DISMISSED.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

Maud Kenna, secretary to the Tailoresses' Union, appeared yesterday at the Central Police Court on remand charged with having used insulting words to Edward Joseph Weine with intent to provoke a breach of the peace, on July 29. Mr. Donaldson, S.M., was on the Bench.

Mr. Carter Smith, who appeared for the defendant, said that his client refused to plead. He took the preliminary objection that the words alleged to have been used were not set down in the charge. The words, "Get down off the tram, you dirty scab, I would not ride with scabs," were then added to the charge. Mr. Smith further submitted that as in the case of ex parte Maddocks "the mere use of gross or insulting words was not evidence of arrest." There had been no overt act shown which would provoke a breach of the peace, such as the shaking of a fist or the brandishing of a club, as accompaniment to the words. He also quoted a Supreme Court decision in ex parte Burns, 24 Weekly Notes, in which defendant, charged with using insulting words with intent to commit a breach of the peace, was wrongly convicted. In this case there was no evidence shown of intent.

Evidence was then gone into. Senior-constable John Lane said that on July 29 he was escorting a tramcar. At the intersection of George and Goulburn streets at 9.35 a.m. a stop was made. About 20 or 30 passengers were then on the car. Sub-inspector Weine was driving the car at the time.

Continuing witness stated that numbers of people were standing in the vicinity. Defendant walked across George-street in front of the tram in the direction of the Trades Hall. As she walked in front of the tram witness heard her say to Sub-inspector Weine, "You dirty scab," following this by calling out to the passengers, "You dirty scabs for riding in the trams." Defendant then walked to the corner of Goulburn-street, and pointing to the tram said, "Look at the scabs."

Continuing witness said that the sub-inspector then gave defendant in charge.

Senior-sergeant Davis: Did the people do anything?—I saw a large number of people standing by look in the direction of the driver.

Can you give me a definition of the word "scab?"—It means a mean, low, dirty fellow.

To Mr. Smith: A "scab" is the name of a person who takes another's place on a strike.

Edward Joseph Weine, sub-inspector of the Government Tramways, and also a special constable, corroborated the evidence given by the previous witness. Defendant, he stated, said to him, "Come down there, you dirty scab." The words were used in a very loud tone.

At the close of the prosecution Mr. Smith, quoting ex parte Burns case, again submitted that there was no evidence of intent.

Mr. Donaldson upheld the objection, and the case was dismissed. He remarked that steps were being taken by the Legislature to so alter the law as to meet cases of this nature.

PRAISE FOR THE POLICE.

It is recognised in all quarters that the police have had an arduous time during the recent strike, necessitating as it did extra hours of labour, which had to be performed in the public interest under somewhat unpleasant conditions. Considerable tact had to be exercised as well as firmness in preserving the public peace, and these qualities it is conceded the police have exercised in marked degree from the highest officer to the most recent probationer. This has not escaped the notice of Mr. Garvin (Inspector-General), who has caused to be forwarded the following letter to Mr. Sherwood (Metropolitan Superintendent):—

"I desire to express to the Metropolitan Superintendent (Mr. Sherwood), Superintendent Mitchell, officers, non-commissioned officers, and constables, who performed duty under very trying circumstances during the strike of Government tramway employees, my appreciation of the manner in which they carried out their difficult and arduous work. It is only another instance of the fidelity and reliability of the police force to the public and the department that when emergencies arise they will not fail in the cheerful and proper performance of their duties to the State."

"ACTUAL REBELLION."

VICTORIAN LEGISLATOR'S VIEWS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

A meeting under the auspices of the Essendon branch of the Australian Women's National League was held in the Essendon Town Hall to-day.

Mr. Palmer, M.P., said that one of the chief planks of the platform of the league was to fight socialism. They did that because socialism was opposed to constitutional government. That was shown in the recent strike in Sydney. The men who struck against the State struck against the Constitution, and in fact actually committed rebellion.

MR. HOLLIS'S SERVICES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Among the men who are getting credit for having brought about the termination of the late strike, I hope one will not be overlooked, and yet I have not seen his name mentioned. Had it not been for the firm, calm, and dignified attitude of Mr. Hollis, the secretary of the Railway Engine-drivers, etc., Union, it is more than probable that that union would have been involved in the strike, which would have led to results too disastrous to contemplate.

While giving every credit to the Premier, whose strength of character was never better displayed than in the consideration he showed throughout to the misguided tramway men, and to the leaders of the Labour party—though no doubt they were largely influenced by self-interest—I think it must be admitted—and I feel sure his comrades in both unions will soon come to recognise and be grateful to him for it—that the man who saved the situation was Bob Hollis. I am, etc.,

P. Z.

PUBLIC DUTIES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—It is to be hoped that the lesson of the strike, its misery and inconvenience, will not be lost upon the public, so many of whom appear only to look upon themselves as martyrs, instead of realising that this unhappy and ill-advised affair, which could only end in a fiasco, has been chiefly brought about by the public themselves. Why have not passengers destroyed their tickets on leaving the trams? The fact of their not doing so, and disobeying the plain request of the department, has really been the cause of all this disturbance. At such a time as this, when it is the fashionable thing for all good citizens to denounce the strikers, it is just as well for these good citizens to see how much they themselves are to blame for every evil that brings disaster upon the community. The carelessness and neglect of the passengers has been the reason some tram men have been tempted to be dishonest. The public has some responsibility, and it is surely our duty to help both the Commissioners and the tram men to carry out the service effectually. I travel a great deal in the trams, and I have often seen passengers elude the payment of their fares. Once only have I seen a tram conductor giving out loose tickets, but whether dishonestly or not I do not know. Only once have I found a tram guard rude, but I have often found the public unthinking or rude. Many of them never make room, or open the doors, if there is room for a would-be passenger, even if it is raining, and so injure the traffic and inconvenience others by their selfish and unthinking behaviour. If, as Jane Adams says, the underdog were always right, one might easily try to defend him. The trouble is that very often he is obscurely right, sometimes only partially right, and often quite wrong; but perhaps he is never so altogether wrong and pigheaded and utterly wrong as he is represented to be by those who add the possession of prejudice to the other difficulties of understanding him. As for those who attempt to interpret him, when he is apparently in his worst temper, they may be cheered by a phrase often quoted by Matthew Arnold, "Conscience and the present constitution of things are not corresponding terms. It is conscience and the issue of things which go together." I am, etc.,

ROSE SCOTT.

LEST WE FORGET.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Will you allow me to suggest that all who have suffered (in any way) through this fool of a tram strike should keep your newspapers, July 24, 25, 27, 28, and 29, safely put away (as a reminder) till next State election, when certain things will be remembered. We are still a free country. An old newspaper reminder at next election in 1909 may serve our usually slack memories. This word to sufferers may be useful. Keep carefully these newspapers for reference. I am, etc.,

AN ELECTOR.

NEW COASTAL STEAMERS.

TINTENBAR DUE TO-DAY.

The North Coast S.N. Company's new cargo steamer Tintenbar, which was launched from the yards of the Ardrossan Shipbuilding Company, Scotland, on March 20 last, signalled Moruya Heads at 11.30 a.m. yesterday, and will therefore arrive at Sydney early this morning. She is commanded by Captain Arch. Kelso, and left Ardrossan on May 9, and Durban on June 21.

The new steamer, which has been named in honour of the settlement between Byron Bay and the Richmond River, is a modern cargo-carrier of very light draught, and is intended for the northern river trade generally. She has been built of steel, and the specifications provide that she shall carry 700 tons of deadweight on a draught of 9ft, and shall be capable of maintaining an average speed on the coast of 10 knots.

A feature is the uninterrupted deck space, and she is fitted with all the latest appliances for the speedy and effective handling of cargo.

The Tintenbar is a screw steamer of 592 tons register, and has been constructed to the special class of the British Corporation. Messrs. Hutson and Sons, Glasgow, supplied a set of triple-expansion engines. The naming ceremony was performed by Mrs. P. D. Hendry, Kelvinside, Glasgow, and the vessel was designed by Mr. Charles M'Allister, Sydney, and built under the superintendence of Messrs. Paton and Hendry, Glasgow, agents for the North Coast Steam Navigation Company.

THE KARUAH LAUNCHED.

A private cable message was yesterday received by the general manager of the Newcastle and Hunter River Steamship Company, Limited, stating that the new steamer Karuah was successfully launched on Wednesday from the yards of Messrs. Ramage and Ferguson, at Leith, Scotland.

The Karuah, which has been specially designed to suit the requirements of the passenger and cargo trade between Port Stephens and Sydney, is a steel twin-screw steamship of about 250 tons gross. She is 130 feet in length, with a beam of 26 feet and a depth of 8 feet 6 inches. The Karuah will have accommodation for between 30 and 40 passengers, and will be capable of maintaining an average speed of 10 knots. The vessel will be electrically lighted throughout, and deck cabins are to be fitted. Cool chambers are to be provided for the carriage of butter, and others for the carriage of fish.

Captain Phillipsen, master of the steamer Hawk, proceeded to England some time ago to bring the Karuah to Sydney.

SUPPLY BILL.

£3,349,942 VOTED.

The Legislative Assembly sat until 6 a.m. yesterday, and passed through all its stages a bill granting supply to the amount of £3,349,942 for the months of July, August, and September. In the afternoon the bill was passed by the Legislative Council.

The total included £1,873,000 for the ordinary Government departments and services; £1,000,307 for works to be paid for out of the consolidated revenue fund, including £267,000 in anticipation of loan votes, and £476,635 for works, to be paid for from the public service fund.

Details of the expenditure are contained in the following schedules:—

SCHEDULE A.

PAYABLE OUT OF THE CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND.

PREMIER AND ATTORNEY-GENERAL.	
American fleet reception—expenses ..	£10,000 0 0
MINISTER FOR WORKS.	
Punts, ferries, and launches	£11,300 0 0
Harbours and rivers	13,220 0 0
Public buildings	20,000 0 0
Dredge service	45,000 0 0
Public pounds	400 0 0
Local Government (endowments, grants, etc.)	127,324 0 0
IN ANTICIPATION OF LOAN VOTES. RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS.	
Railway rolling stock to meet additional traffic requirements	£200,000 0 0
Additions to railway lines, stations, buildings, and for other purposes	200,000 0 0
Additions to tramway lines, stations, buildings, and for other purposes	50,000 0 0
SYDNEY HARBOUR TRUST.	
New berthing accommodation, jetties, sheds, roads, and approaches, works generally, and for the improvements of the port	55,000 0 0
MINISTER FOR WORKS.	
RAILWAYS—	
Manilla to Barraba	£12,880 0 0
Belmore to Chapel-road	14,188 0 0
Mudgee to Dunedoo	40,000 0 0
SEWERAGE CONSTRUCTION.	
Metropolitan sewerage and stormwater channels—generally	10,000 0 0
Stanmore-road stormwater channel	800 0 0
Newcastle sewerage	10,000 0 0
Parramatta sewerage	9,000 0 0
Country towns sewerage and stormwater channels—generally	9,500 0 0
WATER SUPPLIES.	
Country towns water supplies	25,000 0 0
MISCELLANEOUS.	
New public abattoir at Homebush Point	30,000 0 0
New street, George-street to Regent-street	10,000 0 0
METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE.	
Water supply—General reticulation, improvements, land, buildings, canal works, etc., and for other purposes	42,000 0 0
Sewerage construction and ventilation of sewers generally, land, buildings, etc., and for other purposes	55,000 0 0
Total schedule A (Consolidated Revenue Fund)	£1,000,307 0 0

SCHEDULE B.

PAYABLE OUT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS FUND. IN ANTICIPATION OF VOTES.

Treasurer—	
Resumed Properties Branch—	
Erection of shops, George-street	£7,000 0 0
Erection of houses, Upper Fort-street	250 0 0
Sydney Harbour Trust—	
Rat-proof walling, Darling Harbour and Blackwattle Bay	15,000 0 0
Minister for Works—	
Roads	10,000 0 0
Bridges	10,000 0 0
Punts, ferries, and launches	250 0 0
Public watering-places, artesian bores, water conservation, water supplies, and drainage	8,825 0 0
Barren Jack storage reservoir and Northern Murrumbidgee Irrigation scheme	166,000 0 0
Harbours and rivers	26,310 0 0
Public buildings	118,000 0 0
Sewerage of Government Institutions	5,000 0 0
Grant under section 5 of Public Works Fund Act to Shires and Municipalities, being part (third instalment) of £15,000 promised for first three years' operation of Local Government Act	20,000 0 0
Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage—	
Renewal of water mains and sewers, plant, and buildings, etc., and for renewal of works generally; also recoup to loan votes for machinery worn out or dismantled	20,000 0 0
Public Instruction—	
School buildings, teachers' residences, etc.	55,000 0 0
Technical education—sites and buildings	13,000 0 0
Miscellaneous services—equipment and works	2,000 0 0
Total schedule B (Public Works Fund)	£476,635 0 0

CASUALTIES.

SUICIDE AT BELMORE.

Redmond Platt Somerfield, a retired dentist, 65, who resided at Canterbury-road, Belmore, was found dead in a well at his late residence early yesterday morning. Mr. E. L. Maitland, D.S.M., held an inquest at Belmore during the afternoon, and recorded a verdict of suicide.

SHUNTER'S LEG CUT OFF.

An accident of a shocking nature happened early yesterday morning at the Hurstville railway yard to an employee of the department named William Leigh. Leigh, who is 21 years of age, and a shunter, was engaged in operations in the yard, when he slipped on a wet rail, with the result that he fell in front of an engine, which ran over him, cutting off his left leg between the ankle and knee. The injured man was conveyed to St. Peters station, where he was met by the Civil Ambulance, and taken to the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital. Leigh was admitted in a serious condition.

A member of the Hurstville railway staff, Mr. Arthur Walker, in rushing about to render assistance, lost his fortnight's pay from his pocket. A collection is being made among the local staff to reimburse the loser.

GIRL'S SUDDEN DEATH.

BARCALDINE (Q.), Thursday.

The post mortem on the body of the girl, Dolly Chalkley, aged 14, who died suddenly in Lengthman's cottage, near Beta Siding, has prompted the authorities to make inquiry. A quantity of cyanide of potassium was found in the girl's box. It is believed that the girl died from poisoning.

SUDDEN DEATH IN THE BUSH.

BARRINGUN, Thursday.

A man named Dunbar Morgan, while in the act of barking a tree, which he had felled, died at Tinenburra Station (Q.), 18 miles from here, on the 24th instant. The cause of death is believed to be due to heart failure. He was a resident of Cunnamulla (Q.), and the body was taken to that town during the night, a distance of 60 miles. He leaves a widow and six small children.

FARMER FOUND HANGING.

GULGONG, Thursday.

Edward Milton, single, farmer, residing at Tallewang, was found hanging from a tree yesterday. He had been eccentric lately, and living by himself. He was in a good financial position. The coroner has gone to hold an inquest.

MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENTS.

NORTH SYDNEY APPEAL COURT.

CHURCH HALLS NOT EXEMPT.

Mr. G. H. Smithers, S.M., presided yesterday at the North Sydney Police Court to hear appeals against the assessments of the valuers to the municipality of North Sydney.

The council was represented by Mr. John Stinson and the town clerk (Mr. W. Barnett-Smith), who was assisted by the assessors (Messrs. D. J. McIntyre, D. Solomons, and J. Armstrong). The original number of appeals was about 800, which were reduced at the friendly appeal court to 200.

Mr. W. Cleland appealed for exemption with respect to land situate in Hill-street, North Sydney, upon which is erected a Sunday School hall, in connection with the North Sydney Methodist Church. The Rev. W. Woolls Rutledge stated that he claimed exemption for the reason that the hall was used exclusively for church purposes—public worship and Sunday school, etc. For the last seven years it had been so used, and no rent was ever charged. Mr. Cleland, a trustee, gave corroborative evidence. It was used, he said, for all affairs in connection with the church, such as debating clubs, and the church mutual improvement society. Mr. Smithers said that he could not hold that the building was used exclusively for religious purposes, so upheld the assessment.

Mr. W. C. Goddard appealed with respect to land in Carrabella-street, having a frontage of 194ft by a depth of 168ft, upon which is erected a residence. The council valued the land at £10 a foot, while the appellant asked for a reduction to £8 a foot. Mr. Raine (Raine and Horne) valued it at the lower sum, at which price it was sold in 1902. For the council evidence was given by Messrs. McIntyre and Solomons, that the site was one of the finest residential areas on North Shore, and that in comparison with the sales made of other properties in the neighbourhood the price was a reasonable one. A reduction, however, was made to £9 a foot.

Dr. Geo. Sly appealed against the assessment made on his property by the council, comprising about 3½ acres, in Kurraba-road, Neutral Bay, and valued by the council at £3850. The appellant desired a reduction to £1500. After hearing evidence a reduction was made to £2250.

RANDWICK APPEALS.

Appeals against the assessments by the Randwick Council were commenced yesterday at the Paddington Court, before Mr. Macfarlane, S.M. Originally 1120 appeals had been lodged, but these have been reduced to about 90.

THE AMERICAN FLEET.

ON H.M.S. POWERFUL.

PREPARATIONS AT AUCKLAND.

(BY OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

AUCKLAND, Thursday.

Arriving by H.M.S. Powerful yesterday one found signs of the American visit on every hand. Up stream above us is anchored one of the American colliers, a big British steamer of the Clan line, chartered as a collier for the fleet. She has 6000 tons of the American coal on board. It is said that no New Zealand coal is to be used, the coal having been shipped on the colliers at Newport News, and the colliers sent on. No other colliers or supply ships have yet arrived.

There are skeleton decorations on all sides in Auckland Harbour; a big arch in Queen-street, and two reception pavilions on the pier. A line of big arc lights extends from the Sailors' Home for half a mile along the waterside, and the Government buildings in the harbour are all being fitted with illuminations. The shops are all being privately decorated. Queen-street will probably be one mass of green nekau fern. The Governor will arrive the day before the fleet. Great efforts are being made to finish the new main trunk line across the island from Wellington, so that the first train may be that bringing the Ministers to Auckland from Wellington.

The latest programme in a nutshell is as follows:—

Sunday: Fleet arrives; no one to land except high officers to pay official calls.

Monday: Official reception, lunch, review, fireworks.

Tuesday: Men's day, all sports, entertainments, State ball in the evening at Government House.

Wednesday: Race meeting, officers visit Rotorua; boxing in Auckland.

Thursday: Officers at Rotorua; in Auckland, rifle meeting.

Friday: Aquatic sports in the morning, sports on the Domain in the evening.

Saturday: Football, etc.

Besides all this there will be deer stalking, shooting, motor rides, and so forth.

The town is getting full. Hotel accommodation has long gone, but there is still a little in the boarding-houses.

PROPOSED BOXING CONTESTS.

The Town Clerk has received a letter from the syndicate which had applied for permission to erect a building in Moore Park for holding boxing contests during the American fleet week and charge for admission, stating that having secured a more suitable site elsewhere the application will not be proceeded with.

CIVIC ADDRESS TO THE ADMIRAL.

At a meeting of the finance committee of the City Council yesterday it was resolved, on the motion of Alderman Meagher, that the City Council be recommended to present an address of welcome to Rear-Admiral Sperry, commanding the United States Fleet, on his arrival in Sydney.

VISIT OF VICTORIAN POLITICIANS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

It was stated to-day that arrangements had practically been completed for a Parliamentary excursion to Sydney. State members have repeatedly expressed a desire to attend the celebrations in honor of the visit to Port Jackson of the American fleet; and the project took definite shape when a Melbourne shipping firm offered to convey to Sydney, and accommodate whilst there, a party not exceeding 100 first-class passengers. It is stated that the trip will be made in one of the boats running on the China line. The vessel would leave Melbourne on August 18, and after taking the party out to meet the fleet on the day of its arrival, August 20, would berth at a Sydney wharf and accommodate the passengers until the following Sunday night. Tickets covering the trip to this stage would be issued at £7 10s each. But accommodation after that would have to be a matter for separate arrangement. It has been stated that a large number of members are willing to book passages on behalf of themselves and their wives. A difficulty has arisen so far as members of the Labour party are concerned, for they have expressed their determination not to travel by a steamer on which coloured workers are employed.

The New South Wales Ministry invited members of the Victorian Ministry to visit Sydney during the presence there of the American fleet. The invitation will be accepted by five Victorian Ministers, Messrs. Swinburne, M'Leod, Mackey, Cameron, and Sachse. They will travel to Sydney by train. Sir Thomas Bent said to-day that he was not certain that he would be able to spare time to visit Sydney.

VICTORIA.

SANATORIA TO BE CLOSED.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

In view of the conditions laid down by the Government for the continuance of its financial assistance and lack of further support by the public, it has been decided to close the Victorian Sanatoria for Consumptives at Mount Macedon before the end of August.

A CHARGE WITHDRAWN.

A new development has occurred in connection with the charge of theft which had been preferred by Mrs. Grace Lee against ex-sub-inspector John William Balchin. Mrs. Lee has made a statement in writing to the effect that Balchin at no time had any money or jewellery of hers in his possession, and she withdraws the charge of theft which she had preferred against him.

The Government intends to institute prosecutions in connection with the adulteration of chaff.

NEW ZEALAND.

POLITICAL SOCIALISM A MENACE.

WELLINGTON, Thursday.

The Canterbury Employers' Association has resolved that as political socialism is rapidly becoming a menace to the welfare of the community it is necessary that the Liberal party be rendered the independent support of political socialists. That there is no longer any essential difference between the non-socialistic Liberals and the Opposition. The interests of the Dominion, as distinguished from the interests of the two opposite parties, demand that a fusion should take place, and that the leaders of the two parties be informed. The organisation will at a general election subordinate all party considerations to the advancement of the objects outlined.

In the course of a speech, the Governor, Lord Plunket, said that the volunteers at New Zealand proved always ready to assist the Empire in time of need. The Government was keenly interested in the movement, and appreciative of the work done.

Carl Bassi was fined £10 for selling a preparation got up in such a manner as to deceive the public into believing it was produced by the Zambuk Proprietary. The defence was that the resemblance was purely accidental.

A "Gazette" notice prohibits the importation of prison-made goods.

A PERILOUS VOYAGE.

DAMAGE TO THE INGA.

A glance at the Norwegian steamer Inga as she steamed up the harbour yesterday, inward bound from Hokianga, N.Z., was sufficient to satisfy anyone that she had just emerged from a trying ordeal, for evidence of the severe buffeting which she had received was to be seen everywhere about her decks.

Laden with timber both below and on deck, the Inga made good progress until Friday last, when she encountered a terrific gale, which increased in force until it raged with all the fury of a violent hurricane. The vessel was hove-to during the height of the tempest, but tremendous seas were constantly shipped, with the result that the lashings of the deck cargo were carried away.

The loose timber, lifted by each sea as it broke on the decks, played havoc with the fittings, and the Inga had a pronounced list to starboard. Great masses of floating timber were carried hither and thither, breaking all the stays both on the port and starboard sides until the mast resembled a huge maypole with wires attached, in lieu of ribbons.

The deck cargo also shifted for'ard, and was dashed about in all directions. The winch was broken, the pump handle was carried away, the iron poop ladders were twisted and bent into fantastic shapes, the wheel-box was damaged, and the cabins were flooded. Other damage of a minor character was also sustained, and for 48 hours the position was one of great peril. The conditions moderated on Sunday, although heavy seas continued to run. Of the total quantity of 690,000ft of timber, about 20,000ft was lost overboard.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—July 30.

Macedonia, R.M.S., 10,512 tons, Captain Bennet, from London, via ports. Passengers—Mesdames Murphy, Meade and two children, Baldock, the Misses Barnes, Hiorns, Elennon, Messrs. Heton, Morrison, Ives, Meade, Smith, Pongdor, Gall, Martel, Lamerind, Porosien, Hyde, M'Donald, Baldock, Bryant, Occleus, Junnyent, Master Clark, the Rev. Laurie, and Dr. Cosens. For Brisbane: Mr. Gibson, Nelson, Miss Webster. For New Zealand: Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, Mr., Mrs., and Miss Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford and maid, Miss Clifford, Mr. Beakes. For Tasmania: Mrs. M'Gregor and infant, and a large number of passengers from interstate ports. A. Gordon Wesche, agent.

Itonus, s, 6538 tons, Captain M'Donald, from Algoa Bay and Durban, via Melbourne. Passengers—Mrs. Weston and child, Misses E. A. and A. C. Hacker, Mrs. Toonk, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchelson and maid and two children, Mr. Nevenson, Mr. Benton, Mr. Wilkinson, Mrs. Wilkinson and four children, Mr. Cumming, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. M'Gee, Mrs. Danly and son, Mrs. Edwards, Miss Hanton, Mr. and Mrs. Sessions, Mrs. King and child, Mrs. Burnham, Rev. W. Lea, Mr. Dunnes, Mrs. Warwick, Mrs. Cox, Mr. Crooker, Mr. Dumpes, Mr. Emscheberg, Mr. J. Rose, Mr. and Miss Murray, Mr. Vanderginup, Mrs. Butler and two children, Mrs. Patter and three children, Mr. Dimitrious, Mr. and Mrs. Payne and child, Messrs. Aldist, W. Frankish, C. Coleman, J. Telford, R. Livingstone, W. Bowers, W. Stuart, R. Nicoll, Davis, Caldwell, Fraser, Milroy, J. Martin, W. Palmer, A. Castle, A. Poune, A. Exley, R. Brown, W. Creighton, Woodroffe, Piney, Shrimpton, Lancaster, Taylor, W. Stuart, A. Young, M'Cabe, W. Bustone, H. Frohm, Astine, Kirkwood, M'Caffrey, A. Hale, S. Cooke, W. Hannan, G. Esther, C. T. Stuart, A. E. Stuart, H. T. Wood, S. Hoyle, E. Hoyle. Arch. Currie and Co., agents.

Yongala, s, 3663 tons, Captain William Knight, from Cairns, Townsville, Bowen, Mackay, and Brisbane. Passengers—Saloon 85, second cabin 72. G. S. Yuill and Co., Limited, agents.

Westralia, s, 2884 tons, Captain H. J. Kell, from Hobart. Passengers—Saloon 47, steerage 28. Huddart, Parker, and Co., Proprietary, Limited, agents.

Sarpedon, s, 4662 tons, Captain Bevan, from Glasgow, via Adelaide and Melbourne. Gilchrist, Watt, and Sanderson, Limited, agents.

Hobart, s, 2463 tons, Captain Millar, from Fremantle, Adelaide, and Melbourne. Melbourne S.S. Co., Ltd., agents.

Time, s, 2575 tons, Captain Rowland, from Port Pirie. Howard Smith Company, Limited, agents.

Hunter, s, 1840 tons, Captain Thompson, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, Limited, agents.

City of Grafton, s, 825 tons, Captain Nelson, from Richmond River. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Fiona, s, 817 tons, Captain Barnes, from Clarence River. Colonial Sugar Refining Company, Limited, agents.

Cavanba, s, 573 tons, Captain W. Anderson, from Byron Bay. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Dorrigo, s, 302 tons, Captain M'Intyre, from Coff's Harbour. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Kyogle, s, 702 tons, Captain E. Farrell, from Clarence River. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Nardoo, s, 2907 tons, Captain H. T. Rose, from Port Pirie. G. S. Yuill and Co., Limited, agents.

Coomonderry, s, 147 tons, returned to port. Illawarra and South Coast S.N. Co., Limited, agents.

DEPARTURES.—July 30.

Manila, s, for Yokohama, via Hongkong and ports.
Knight of St. George, s, for Coronel.
Mokoia, s, for Auckland.
Mavis, sch, for New Hebrides.
Era, s, for Brisbane.
Maheno, s, for Newcastle.
Karori, s, for Newcastle.
Otterburn, s, for Timaru, via Newcastle.
Suva, s, for Newcastle.
Time, s, for Newcastle.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—July 31.

Yongala, s, for Melbourne; Opland, s, for Ocean Island and Nauru; Tuncurry, s, for Cape Hawke, Kranbach, and Nabiac; Namoi, s, for Newcastle; Hawkesbury, s, for Tawkesbury River, Pittwater, and Newport; Woy Woy, s, for Gosford, Wyong, and Brisbane Water; Narara, s, for Hawkesbury River and Newport.

CLEARANCES.—July 30.

Manila, s, 1730 tons, Captain Minssen, for Manila, Hongkong, and Yokohama, via German New Guinea and New Britain. Passengers—Sisters Bischspinck, Hanfield, Gorderna, Ziekel, Rev. Fathers Winter, Kostern, Brother Suchland, Messrs. C. Diercke, E. Wilms, P. J. Buin.

Itzehoe, s, 4487 tons, Captain Bahr, for Hamburg, via Brisbane, Newcastle, and Sydney.

Hobart, s, 2463 tons, Captain Millar, for Melbourne, via Newcastle.

Time, s, 2575 tons, Captain Rowland, for Melbourne, via Newcastle.

Suva, s, 2229 tons, Captain M'Lellan, for Fiji, via Newcastle.

ENTERED OUTWARDS.—July 30.

Macedonia, R.M.S., for London, via ports; Westralia, s, for Hobart; Time, s, for Melbourne, via Newcastle; Sildra, s, for Nauru; Yongala, s, for Melbourne; Innaminoka, s, for Brisbane, Mackay, Townsville, and Cairns; Changsha, s, for Zamboanga, Manila and Hongkong, via ports; Inga, s, for Auckland, via Newcastle.

MOVEMENTS OF MAIL STEAMERS.

The R.M.S. Oruba, from London bound to Sydney, arrived at Fremantle at 3.20 a.m. yesterday, and sailed again at 10.35 a.m. for Adelaide.

The R.M.S. Ortona, from Sydney bound to London, arrived at Adelaide at 6.30 a.m. yesterday from Melbourne, and sailed again at 2.40 p.m. for Fremantle.

The R.M.S. Omrah, from Sydney, passed Richmond River Heads at 5 p.m. yesterday, en route to Brisbane, where she is due to-day.

The R.M.S. Macedonia, from London, via ports, arrived at Sydney at 7.35 a.m. yesterday.

R.M.S. ORUBA AT FREMANTLE.

FREMANTLE, Thursday.

The R.M.S. Oruba, from London, bound to Sydney, via ports, arrived at 3 a.m., with the following passengers:—

For Melbourne: Mrs. Greco and son, Messrs. Kilpatrick and Greco, and 26 in other classes.

For Sydney: Mrs. Sinclair, Messrs. Hocking and sons, Parry, Chambers, Dickinson, Eglon, Hutton, M'Keough, Russell, Squires, Sturges, Wedderburn, O'Toole, Dunlop, Drs. Perkins, Hunter, Major Norris, and 84 in other classes.

For Brisbane: Rev. Osborne and 9 in other classes.

For New Zealand: Messrs. Light and Wilson and 28 in other classes.

THE EMPIRE AT PORT DARWIN.

PORT DARWIN, Thursday.

The E. and A. S.S. Company's steamer Empire arrived from Hongkong early this morning, and resumed her voyage in the afternoon for Sydney, via ports. Her through passengers include:—

Colonel Da Silva (Governor of Portuguese Timor), Mr. and Mrs. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Alcock, Messrs. Newbury, Colman, Wright, Robinson, M'Tighe, Miller, Paton, Butler, and Lalilidge, and 111 Chinese in the steerage.

Nine European passengers booked here, including Mr. and Mrs. Dodd and Messrs. Brown (South Australian Government geologist), Stait, and Tulloch.

BARBOUND STEAMERS.

Our Coraki correspondent telegraphed last night—"The steamers Brundah, Burrawong, and St. George are still barbound, owing to the heavy sea running on the bar."

OSWESTRY GRANGE LEAVES CAPETOWN.

A private cable message received last night stated that the steamer Oswestry Grange left Capetown for Melbourne on Saturday last.

THE CHYEBASSA LEAVES LONDON.

The British-India liner Chyebassa left London for Queensland ports on Wednesday last.

THE ADDERLEY, FROM CHEMAINUS.

The timber-laden barque Adderley, 71 days out from Chemainus, bound to Sydney, was to the northward of port last night in tow of the steam tug Hero, and should arrive this morning.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN, FROM FIJI.

The steamer South Australian, from the Fiji group, bound to Sydney, signalled Seal Rocks at 5.30 p.m. yesterday, and may be expected here early this morning.

H.M.S. PYRAMUS DUE TO-DAY.

The cruiser Pyramus, from Thursday Island, passed Tacking Point at 5.5 p.m. yesterday, and will arrive at Sydney this morning.

THE TINTENBAR, FROM SCOTLAND.

The North Coast Company's new cargo steamer Tintenbar, from Ardrossan, via Durban, is expected to reach Sydney early this morning. She signalled Moruya at 11.30 a.m. yesterday.

THE BAR HARBOURS.

The following telegrams were received last night as to the conditions of the bar harbours:—Bellinger Heads, 12ft on bar, 14ft on inside channel at high water; Harrington, last soundings 11ft on bar with beacons in line, 7ft 8in on crossing at high water; Bateman's Bay, bar 6ft 6in at low water.

MELBOURNE STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LTD.

The Monaro is due at Albany on Monday, en route from eastern States to Fremantle.

The Hampstead is due at Newcastle to-morrow from Melbourne.

The Hobart arrived at Sydney yesterday from Fremantle, via ports, and sails again for W.A. ports, via Melbourne and Adelaide, on Tuesday next.

The Leeuwin leaves Sydney on Monday next for Bermagui, Tathra, Eden, and Melbourne.

The Sydney is due at Adelaide on Tuesday, en route from W.A. ports to Melbourne and Sydney.

The Melbourne arrived at Melbourne on Wednesday from Hokianga (N.Z.).

The Brisbane is in New Zealand waters.

The Maitland is due at Esperance Bay to-day from Albany (W.A.).

The Perth leaves Devonport (Tas.) to-day for Sydney, and is due on Sunday evening.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY.

The Changsha, at present in Sydney, sails for Hongkong, via usual ports, on Aug. 4, being due in Hongkong on the 29th prox.

The Taiwan left Sydney for China and Japan on the 27th inst. She is due at Port Darwin on Aug. 7, and Hongkong on the 20th prox.

The Chingtu is at present in Japan, and will not return to Sydney this trip.

The Taiyuan, at present in Hongkong, sails south on Aug. 3, being due here on the 23rd.

GERMAN-AUSTRALIAN LINE.

The Altona (United Tyser) left New York July 25, and is due at Fremantle Sept. 9. The Apolda (from Scandinavia) left the Tyne July 15, and is due at Melbourne about Sept. 10. The Augsburg arrived at Singapore June 23. The Bergedorf left Batavia May 29 homeward. The Berlin left Hamburg June 27, and is due at Melbourne Aug. 20. The Bielefeld left Hamburg July 11, and is due at Melbourne Sept. 3. The Elbing arrived at Macassar June 24 homeward. The Furth is at Hamburg. The Goslar is at Hamburg. The Hagen left Adelaide June 19 homeward. The Harburg left Sydney July 21 homeward. The Itzehoe arrived at Sydney July 27. The Kiel arrived at Antwerp June 27. The Linden left Fremantle June 16 homeward. The Magdeburg arrived at Sourabaya June 19 homeward. The Meissen left Hamburg July 25, and is due at Melbourne Sept. 17. The Neumunster left Townsville July 3 homeward. The Oberhausen left Fremantle July 29 outward. The Offenbach left Sydney July 23 for Tandjong Priok. The Osnabruck arrived at Sourabaya June 14 homeward. The Ottensen left Sydney July 25 homeward. The Plauen left Adelaide July 14 homeward. The Reichenbach arrived at Townsville July 29 homeward. The Solingen left Algoa Bay July 18, and is due at Melbourne Aug. 7. The Sonneberg is at Hamburg. The Varzin left Fremantle July 11 homeward. The Worms left Hamburg July 4, and is due at Fremantle Aug. 24.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING.

PORT DARWIN (2540m).—Arr: July 30, Empire, s, from Hongkong. Dep: July 30, Empire, s, for Sydney, via Thursday Island and ports.

CAIRNS (1400m).—Arr: July 30, Arawatta, s, from Sydney.

TOWNSVILLE (1270m).—Arr: July 30, Lord Stanley, s, from Hongkong; Wollowra, s, from Cairns. Dep: July 29, Reichanbach, s, for Hamburg. July 30, Urilla, s, for Cairns.

FLAT TOP ISLAND (1125m).—Arr: July 30, Cooma, s, from Sydney. Dep: July 30, Burrumbeet, s, for Cairns; Colac, s, for Sydney.

ROCKHAMPTON (920m).—Arr: July 30, Komura, s, from Brisbane; Queensland, s, from Maryborough.

GLADSTONE (828m).—Arr: July 30, Konoowarra, s, from Brisbane.

BUNDABERG (717m).—Dep: July 29, Tinana, s, for Brisbane.

MARYBOROUGH (680m).—Arr: July 30, Allinga, s, from Rockhampton.

BRISBANE (500m).—Arr: July 30, Bingera, s, from Townsville; Wyandra, s, from Cooktown; Wyreema, s, from Sydney. Dep: July 30, Everton Grange, s, for Gladstone.

TWEED HEADS (374m).—July 30, Tethys, dredge, Mokau, s, both off bar, sea too heavy to cross in. Passed: July 30, a large steamer at noon, south.

BYRON BAY (345m).—Arr: July 30, Orara, s, at 6.20 a.m., from Sydney; Durimbah, s, in bay, at 11.30 a.m. Passed: July 30, Kadina, s, at 11.30 a.m., south.

RICHMOND RIVER HEADS (321m).—July 31, Brundah, s, St. George, s, Burrawong, s, still barbound. Passed: July 30, Omrah, R.M.S., at 5 p.m., north.

CLARENCE HEADS (296m).—Arr: July 30, Noorebar, s, at 7.5 a.m., Kallatina, s, at 9.10 a.m., both from Sydney. Passed: July 30, a large steamer with yellow funnel at 3 p.m., north.

SOUTH SOLITARY ISLAND (250m).—Passed: July 30, a strange steamer with yellow funnel at 9.20 a.m., Gabo, s, at 1 p.m., both north.

MACLEAY RIVER (209m).—Arr: July 30, Yulgilbar, s, at 7.30 a.m., from Sydney. Our Jack, s, at anchor in bay. Federal, sch, which departed at 9.15 a.m., returned at 2.15 p.m.

SMOKY CAPE (205m).—Passed: July 30, Macleay, s, at 8.50 a.m., Ramornie, s, at 2 p.m., both north; Bombala, s, at 5.20 p.m., south.

PORT MACQUARIE (174m).—Arr: July 30, Hastings, s, at 8 a.m., from Sydney. Dep: July 30, Wauchope, s, at 9.20 a.m., for Sydney.

TACKING POINT (169m).—Passed: July 30, Ellerslie, s, at 4.35 p.m., north; H.M.S. Pyramus, at 5.5 p.m., south.

CROWDY HEADS (147m).—Passed: July 30, Duroby, s, at 5.20 p.m., north.

MANNING HEADS (144m).—Arr: July 30, Kincumber, s, at 8.25 a.m., from Newcastle. Dep: July 30, Corra Lynn, s, at 9.15 a.m., for Sydney.

CAPE HAWKE (128m).—Arr: July 30, Commonwealth, s, at 9.30 a.m., Tuncurry, s, at 9.45 a.m., both from Sydney.

SEAL ROCKS (109m).—Passed: July 30, Cooloon, s, at 4 p.m., Friendship, s, at 4.55 p.m., both north; South Australia, s, Wauchope, s, both at 5.30 p.m., south.

PORT STEPHENS (82m).—Arr: July 30, Stormking, s, at 9.45 a.m., from Newcastle. Galgabba, ktch, Candidatr, ktch, both anchored in Nelson's Bay at 8.20 a.m. Passed: July 30, Friendship, s, at 1.20 p.m., north; Dauntless, s, at 6.50 a.m., Kyogle, s, at 8 a.m., Hawk, s, at 12.15 p.m., Stormking, s, at 12.40 p.m., Wangard, s, at 1.10 p.m., all south.

NEWCASTLE (62m).—Arr: July 30, Era, s, Myee, s, Alice, s, Duckenfield, s, Namoi, s, Cooloon, s, Maheno, s, Period, s, Karori, s, Otterburn, s, Helen Nicoll, s, Sphene, s, Derwent, s, Wallsend, s, all from Sydney; Wangard, s, from Barracouta Harbour; Lady Mabel, sch, returned to port. Dep: July 30, Corio, s, for Catherine Hill Bay; Lady Mabel, sch, Helen Nicoll, s, Sphene, s, Derwent, s, Hawk, s, Wallsend, s, Duckenfield, s, all for Sydney; Storm King, s, for Port Stephens; Ashridge, s, for Melbourne; Aldebaran, bq, for Auckland; Cycle, s, for Port Pirie; Friendship, s, for Tweed River; Samaritan, sh, for Iquique; Cockermouth, sh, for Callao; Cooloon, s, for Coff's Harbour.

CATHERINE HILL BAY (48m).—Arr: July 30, Corio, s, at 6.30 a.m., from Newcastle, and dep. at 5.30 p.m.

SOUTH HEAD (4m).—Passed: July 30, Romford, s, at 2.53 p.m., north.

BELLAMBI (41m).—Arr: July 30, Malachite, s, at 5 a.m., from Sydney. Dep: July 30, Glaucus, s, at 7.30 a.m., for Melbourne.

WOLLONGONG (44m).—Arr: July 30, Governor Blackall, s, at 5 p.m., Eden, s, at 5.30 p.m., both from Sydney. Dep: July 30, Currajong, s, at 1 p.m., for Sydney.

KIAMA (59m).—Dep: July 30, Kiama, s, at 5 a.m., for Sydney.

CROOKHAVEN HEADS (74m).—Arr: July 30, Peterborough, s, at 7 a.m., from Sydney.

JERVIS BAY (87m).—Passed: July 30, Itonus, s, at 12.30 p.m., Barrabool, s, at 4.15 p.m., a steamer at 5.45 p.m., all north; Glaucus, s, at 3.45 p.m., south.

MORUYA HEADS (141m).—Passed: July 30, a small steamer, with red funnel, black top, signalling H.M.P.G., at 11.30 a.m., Narooma, s, at 1 p.m., both north.

EDEN (210m).—Arr: July 30, Wakatipu, s, at 5.30 p.m., from Launceston. Dep: July 30, Tathra, s, at 3 p.m., for Sydney.

GREEN CAPE (218m).—Passed: July 30, a steamer, with yellow funnel, black top, at 3.10 p.m., Marloo, s, at 5.20 p.m., Peregrine, s, at 5.40 p.m., both north; Star of New Zealand, s, at 2.50 p.m., south.

DEVONPORT WEST (498m).—Arr: July 30, Perth, s, at 4 p.m., from Melbourne.

LAUNCESTON (500m).—Dep: July 30, Loongana, s, at 3.50 p.m., for Melbourne.

BURNIE (510m).—Arr: July 30, Perth, s, at 9 a.m., from Melbourne.

HOBART (660m).—July 30, Ulimaroa, s, arrived at 8.45 a.m. from New Zealand, and departed at 4.15 p.m. for Melbourne.

STRAHAN (696m).—Dep: July 30, Kakapo, s, at noon, for Sydney, via Devonport.

GABO (230m).—Passed: July 30, a German steamer, flying Q.J.R.S., at 2.50 p.m., north; Aramac, s, at 8 a.m., a 3-masted steamer, with yellow funnel, black top, at 9.30 a.m., a steamer, with seemingly yellow funnel, black top, at 4.25 p.m.; all west.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY (430m).—Passed inward: July 30, Cooeyanna, s, at 3.45 p.m. Passed outward: July 29, Hampstead, s, at 9.30 p.m. July 30, Alabama, s, at 3.30 a.m.; Leeuwin, s, at 9 a.m.; Hope, German sh, at 5 p.m.

MELBOURNE (570m).—Arr: July 30, Roon, G.M.S., from Bremen, via ports; Erinerdale, s, from Saigon; Vermont, s, from Ocean Island, via Sydney; Pilbarra, s, from Fremantle, via ports; Oonah, s, from Burnie; Edward, brg, from Port Huon; Trocas, s, from Singapore. Dep: July 30, Port Phillip, s, for Sydney; Rotomahana, s, for Launceston.

ADELAIDE (1084m).—Arr: July 30, Ortona, R.M.S., and Geelong, s, both from the eastern States; Oonah, s, from Newcastle. Dep: July 30, Aldenham, s, for Manila, China, and Hongkong, via the eastern States and Port Darwin; Ortona, R.M.S., for London; Monaro, s, for Fremantle.

PORT PIRIE (1228m).—July 30, Tarcoola, s, from Newcastle. Dep: July 30, Ville de Rouen, s, for Antwerp, via Durban; Linda Fell, s, for Sydney.

FREMANTLE (2400m).—Arr: June 29, Grantala, s, at 11.25 p.m., from the eastern States. July 30, Oruba, R.M.S., at 3.20 a.m., from London. Dep: July 30, Oruba, R.M.S., at 10.35 a.m., for Adelaide.

NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING.

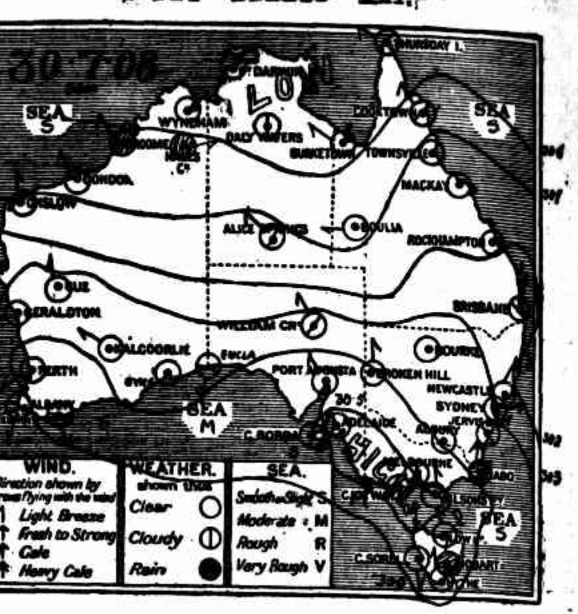
AUCKLAND (1281m).—Dep: July 30, Tomoana, s, for London; Wairuna, s, for Newcastle.

KAIPARA.—Dep: July 30, Laira, bq, for Adelaide; Louisa Craig, bq, for Melbourne.

WELLINGTON (1230m).—Arr: July 30, Rimutaka, s, from Hobart; Cornwall, s, from Monte Video and Avonmouth. Dep: July 30, Ruapehu, s, for London.

AUSTRALIAN WEATHER.

"THE "HERALD" MAP."



The centre of the anticyclone has contracted and moved slightly in a south-easterly direction, while its northern isobars show a slight tendency for monsoonal activity.

Ocean Forecast.—Fresh, squally wind on New South Wales coast, with patches of rough seas. The disturbance off Norfolk Island on Wednesday has moved away to the eastward.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Commonwealth Weather Bureau, Thursday.

Sydney rainfall, average for 49 years, 48.325 inches. Average for 50 years from January 1 to June 30, 3087 points.

Total rainfall from January 1, 1908, to date, 2841 points.

Total for corresponding period of previous year, 2035 points.

Barometer.—At 9 a.m., 30.301; at 3 p.m., 30.236; at 9 p.m., 30.277.

Temperature.—At 9 a.m., 44.0; at 3 p.m., 52.4; at 9 p.m., 48.0; maximum 54.9, minimum 41.

Humidity.—At 9 a.m., 92; at 3 p.m., 76; at 9 p.m., 88.

Wind.—Greatest velocity, 36 miles from the south west, at 4.24 p.m.

RAINFALL REGISTRATIONS.

New South Wales (for 24 hours ended at 9 a.m.).—Armidale 2 points, Bankstown 2, Bathurst 11, Bega 14, Bemboka 6, Blackheath 6, Blayney 11, Bodalla 5, Boggabilla 21, Bombala 10, Booml 13, Bundella 8, Candelo 20, Clarence Heads 14, Coolah 2, Coonabarabran 30, Cudal 11, Dubbo 4, Eden 25, Emmaville 8, Gabo Island 20, Glebe Point 17, Glen Innes 17, Goodooga 1, Green Cape 20, Gresford 9, Gulgong 18, Hill End 8, Inverell 15, Jerry's Plains 3, Katoomba 2, Kempsey 36, Kunopia 9, Kurrajong 31, Lawson 11, Maitland 6, Manning Heads 2, Millie 12, Molong 17, Mudgee 35, Muswellbrook 1, Nambucca 1, Orange 13, Paterson 7, Penrith 13, Port Macquarie 48, Port Stephens 72, Raymond Terrace 8, Riverview 5, Seal Rocks 25, Singleton 3, Springwood 4, Sydney 10, Tenterfield 1, Uralla 8, Walcha 6, Warialda 21, Wellington 27, Windsor 12, Woolgoolga 6.

QUEENSLAND RAINFALL.

The following are the principal rainfall records of Queensland for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. on Thursday:—

Northern Division: Geraldton 3 points, Moreton 5.

Southern Division: Allora 5 points, Cabarlah 16, Clifton 6, Gatton 5, Helidon 5, Lowood 10, Pittsworth 6, Springbluff 6, Texas 4, Warwick 17.

RAINFALL DISTRIBUTION.

New South Wales (for 24 hours ended at 9 a.m.).—Light to moderate, and scattered in north-eastern half of the State and south coast.

Victoria.—Light and scattered generally, except in west and north-west.

South Australia.—Light on Mount Lofty ranges, and between Alice Springs and Charlotte Waters and extreme southerly parts of west coast.

Western Australia.—Light between Grange and Hall's Creek.

Queensland.—Light to moderate in the south-east, including eastern Darling Downs.

SYNOPSIS.

New South Wales (for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m.).—Cloudy to showery on the extreme south coast, and snowing at three stations on southern tablelands; elsewhere fine, with many frosts and some fogs.

CONDITIONS AT 9 A.M.

New South Wales.—Cloudy to showery on extreme south coast, and snowing at three stations on southern tablelands; elsewhere fine, with many frosts and fogs.

Victoria.—Fine and clear inland, partially cloudy in southern districts, with scattered showers on coast.

South Australia.—Cloudy and unsettled west of Spencer's Gulf and along south coast, and far north country; raining between Alice Springs and Charlotte Waters.

Western Australia.—Cloudy to threatening over Kimberley and Coolgardie goldfields and on south coast; otherwise fine.

Queensland.—Cloudy to dull on coast north from Cairns; fine but cloudy in parts of central districts and in eastern half of southern division.

Tasmania.—Generally fine.

BAROMETERS AT 9 A.M.

Carnarvon, 30.12; Geraldton, 30.34; Perth, 30.42; Esperance Bay, 30.40; Eucla, 30.28; Streaky Bay, 30.45; Adelaide, 30.52; Robe, 30.52; Portland, 30.51; Melbourne, 30.49; Wilson's Promontory, 30.36; Gabo Island, 30.34; Cape St. George, 30.29; Newcastle, 30.31; Port Macquarie, 30.22; Clarence Heads, 30.22; Brisbane, 30.22; Rockhampton, 30.19; Mackay, 30.16; Cooktown, 30.04.

TEMPERATURES.

Perth (for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m.).—Maximum 63, minimum, 38; Adelaide, 57, 39; Melbourne, 55, 36; Brisbane, 65, 33; Hobart, 48, 40.

RIVER REPORTS.

The heights above summer level of the inland rivers at 9 a.m. on Thursday were as follow:—Albury, 8ft 9in; Balranald, 2ft 7in; Bingara, 6in; Boggabilla, 1ft, f; Booligal, stopped running; Bourke, 6in, f; Brewarrina, 3ft 6in, f; Collarendabri, 1; Condobolin, Dubbo, 1; Euston, 10ft 5in; Goodooga, 1; Gundagai, 4ft 9in; Gunnedah, 1; Hillston, stopped running; Kunopia, low; Louth, 2ft 7in, f; Menindie, 4ft 1in; Moama, 10ft; Mogil Mogil, 1; Moulamein, 1ft 3in; Mungundi, 3ft 7in, f; Narrandera, 13ft 8in; Pooncarie, 4ft 6in; Tilpa, 1ft; Tocumwal, 10ft 10in; Wagga Wagga, 6ft 6in; Wentworth, 5ft 11in; Wilcannia, 4ft, f; Yetman, 1; Barwon River at Walgett, 6ft 5in, s; Namoi River at Walgett, 4ft 6in, s.

Note.—F, falling; s, stationary; l, low.

COASTAL REPORTS AT 6 P.M.

Tweed Heads, S, fresh, cloudy, sea heavy; Byron Bay, W, cloudy, sea moderate; Ballina, S, strong, cloudy, sea moderate; Clarence Heads, S, fresh, cloudy, sea rough; Woolgoolga, S, fresh, cloudy, sea moderate; Bellinger Heads, SW, moderate, cloudy, sea moderate; Nambucca Heads, SW, fresh, cloudy, sea rough; Port Macquarie, SW, light, cloudy, sea moderate; Manning Heads, SW, strong, cloudy, sea moderate; Seal Rocks, SSW, fresh, dull, sea slight; Port Stephens, S, fresh, cloudy, sea slight; Newcastle, WSW, moderate, cloudy, sea smooth; Lake Macquarie Heads, S, strong, raining, sea moderate; Catherine Hill Bay, S, strong, raining, sea moderate; Barranjoey, S, fresh, heavy rain squalls, sea moderate; South Head, SSW, fresh, thick rain, sea rough; Wollongong, SSW, strong, showery, sea slight; Kiama, SW, moderate gale, showery, sea moderate; Crookhaven Heads, SSW, moderate gale, squally, cloudy, sea rough; Jervis Bay, S, whole gale, squally, cloudy, misty, sea rough; Ulladulla, S, strong, fine, sea rough; Bateman's Bay, SW, light, fine, sea rough; Moruya, SW, fresh, cloudy, sea rough; Eden, S, fresh, cloudy, sea moderate; Green Cape, SW, strong, squally, cloudy, misty, sea rough; Gabo Island, S, strong, squally, showery, misty, sea moderate.

FORECASTS AT 9 P.M.

New South Wales.—Still showery on the coast, chiefly south from Sydney; fine inland, with frosts and fogs; a change approaching western districts; S to SE winds, fresh on the coast.

Western Australia.—Generally cloudy over the whole of the far north and eastern districts, with light rain here and there; fine for the present in western and south-western districts; south-easterly to north-easterly winds.

South Australia.—Cloudy throughout and unsettled, with rain extending southwards and eastwards from the north-west interior over the settled districts; easterly winds.

Queensland.—More or less cloudy, with showers over north-east and south-east coast and Peninsula; scattered clouds inland, but a tendency to become unsettled shortly in the west and south-west; frosts on downs; southerly and south-easterly winds.

Victoria.—Fine, cold night, many frosts and fogs, followed by fine day on the whole, with showers, however, in the east; southerly to easterly winds.

Tasmania.—Finer weather, but still cloudy, with scattered showers and some fogs; south-westerly to south-easterly winds.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR JULY 31.

Sun rises at 6.47, sets at 5.13; Moon, 8.47 a.m., 7.18 p.m.; Mercury, 5.38 a.m., 3.45 p.m.; Venus, 4.8 a.m., 3.1 p.m.; Mars, 7.18 a.m., 5.45 p.m.; Jupiter, 7.18 a.m., 6.15 p.m.; Saturn, 16.2 p.m., 10.2 a.m.

High water at Fort Denison at 10.7 a.m. and 10.28 p.m.

THE MAILS.

THIS DAY.

South Australia.—Overland, 5.30 p.m.
Victoria.—Overland, 5.30 and 8 p.m.
Queensland.—Overland, 3.45 p.m.
Chili, via Newcastle.—Admiral Borresen, 8 a.m.
Eden.—Tathra, 9 a.m.
Port Macquarie.—Wauchope, 11 a.m.
Ocean Island and Nauru.—Opland, 2 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Loongana, 5.30 p.m.

SATURDAY.

Lord Howe and Norfolk Island and New Hebrides.—R.M.S. Malaita, 11 a.m.
Macleay River, Port Macquarie, Byron Bay, and Coffs Harbour, via Newcastle.—Cavanba, noon.
Wellington, etc., N.Z. (direct).—Maheno, noon.
Monte Video, Buenos Ayres, Chili, and Rio Janeiro, via Wellington.—Arawa, noon.
Nelson's Bay and Tea Gardens.—Hawk, 1 p.m.
Thursday Island, Port Darwin, Sourabaya, Samarang, Batavia, Singapore, and Dutch East Indies, via Brisbane.—Airlie, 3.45 p.m.
Fiji (direct).—Fiona, 7 p.m.
Richmond River.—Brundah, 7 p.m.
Bellinger Heads.—Rosedale, 8 p.m.
Clarence River.—Kyogle, 8 p.m.
Strahan, Zeehan, and north-west coast of Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Oonah, 9.30 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide and Fremantle.—Coolgardie, 9.30 p.m.
Natal and Capetown, via Adelaide.—Geelong, 9.30 p.m.

LATE COMMERCIAL.

MELBOURNE BUTTER MARKET.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The sudden rise in the market value of butter early in the present week was due to a shortage of supplies, which can easily be explained, when the dry season Victoria has passed through is borne in mind. The advance of ½d per lb. wholesale made between Friday last and Tuesday brought the price up to 1/3 per lb, a level not reached for many years. The present position of the market would probably have been reached in Melbourne two months ago but for supplies of butter from New South Wales and Queensland. The marked scarcity in both these States prevented further supplies being sent to Melbourne. The prospects are not hopeful.

SHORTAGE OF FAT STOCK.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The supply of Victorian fat stock is almost exhausted. According to officers of the railway department, large numbers of sheep and cattle are now being trucked from New South Wales into Victoria. Stock are also being received from South Australia. Queensland cattle were travelling overland to Goondiwindi, whence they would be conveyed by rail to Melbourne.

TASMANIA.

WOMAN CONVICTED OF MANSLAUGHTER.

HOBART, Thursday.

Annie Hill was at the Criminal Court yesterday, before Mr. Justice M'Intyre, charged with having at Hobart in January last, murdered a girl named Unita Eisale, and on a second count with having used an instrument with intent. She was found guilty of manslaughter, with a recommendation to mercy, and was sentenced to two years' hard labour. The girl Eisale was not 17 years of age, and resided at New Norfolk with her parents. The medical evidence was that she died of hemorrhage.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

STOCKS AND SHARES.

A good volume of business was effected on 'Change yesterday at full prices. Most debenture securities still tend to advance. Bank of New South Wales shares rose 5/, Union Bank 10/, Hetton Coal 1/, Burns, Philp, new issue, /3, and Silverton Trams 1/6, other sales being at late rates.

The following sales were reported:—Morning: Hetton Coal, 66/; Colonial Sugar, £48/15/; Bank of New South Wales, £46/2/6, £46/5/; Silverton Tramway, 89/6; North Coast Steam, 23/9; Tooth and Co., 40/; Dalgety and Co., £6/10/. Afternoon: Pitt, Son, and Badgery, 18/; A.J.S. Bank "B" deposits, 11/9; North Coast Steam, 23/9; Burns, Philp, and Co., 10/ paid, 20/9; Union Bank, £61; Australian Newspaper, 14/; Zinc Corporation, 4/9.

Closing quotations were:—

Company.	Amount of Shares.	Shares Paid Up.	Last Div. Per Annum.	Last Sale.	Buyer.	Seller.	Yield to Investor.*
				£	£	£	
STOCK. N.S.W. F.S.	—	—	3	95/10/	95	—	3½
[illegible]	..	..	2½	90½	90	..	3½
Do., due 1912	—	—	4	101½	100½	..	3½
Do., due 1915	..	..	3½	99¾	99½	..	3½
Do., due 1921	—	—	3½	99/10/	99¼	99½	3½
Do., due 1924-5	—	—	3	..	88	..	..
Do., due 1909	—	—	4	100	100	..	4
Do., Act 1928	—	—	4	108	107	110	3½
Do., Deb., 1909	..	..	4	..	100	..	4
Ditto, T. Bills, 1909	—	—	3½	100	99	—	3½
Ditto	—	—	4	100½	100½	—	3½
N.Z. Deb., 1915	—	..	4	101	..	..	3½
Ditto, 1921	—	—	4	101	100½	102	3½
Queens. Deb.	—	—	4	101	..	—	3½
[illegible]	..	—	4	101	100	..	4
Ditto, Tr. Bills	—	—	4	101	100½	102	3½
W.A., Ins.	—	—	3½	..	..	99	..
Ditto, 1902	—	—	4	102½	101½	—	3½
Australian Gas Deb., 1922	—	—	4	103	102	—	3½
City Syd. Deb. / Col. Bkg. D., 1914	—	—	5	108	107	110	4½
BANKS.							
Australian Bank of Commerce [illegible]	40	40	14	107/10/	106	108	5½
City	20	8	5	78/6	..	78/	6½
Ditto, new	10	8	3	65/	..	66/	7½
Com. Sydney	25	12½	10	32/15/	32	32½	..
Commercial of Australia	10/	10/	..	10/	..	14/	..
Do. pref.	10	10	3	5/11/	5½	..	5½
N.S.W.	20	20	10	46/5/	46½	46½	4½
N. Zealand	6½	3½	10	9	8½	9½	3½
N. Queensland	7	2	4	23/	—	—	4½
National of Australasia	8	5	5	89/	94/	—	5½
[illegible]	10	10	5	..	..	—	..
Do. pref.	5	3	..	22/6	—	—	6
Royal National / Royal of Q.	9	6½	4½	4/16/6	..	..	5½
Union	25	25	14	61	60½	61½	5½
DEPOSITS. A.J.S. Bank—							
Class B	—	—	2	11/9	11/9	11/10	4½
Class B, 1912	..	..	3	13/9	..	..	..
Class B, 1917	—	—	2	10/3	10/6	..	5½
Ditto, Inscr.	—	—	3½	10/9	..	11/	..
Com. of Aus.	—	—	3	17/6	17/6	..	3½
[illegible]	—	..	4	18/6	18/3	18/9	4½
E. S. & A. Deb.	—	—	3	12/9	12/3	12/9	4½
Ditto, pref.	—	..	4½	18/10	18/3	18/9	4½
Ditto, def.	—	..	3½	17/	16/9	17/3	..
STEAM.							
[illegible] Perry	1	1	10	28/9	28/6	29/	5½
Howard Smith	1	1	10	41/	40/6	41/	4½
[illegible]	1	5/	10	18/	22/	..	3
[illegible]	1	1	5	20/6	20/6	..	4½
[illegible]	1	5/	5	5/	5/	..	5
[illegible]	1	15/	7	21/3	..	20/	4½
[illegible]	1	1	6	25/	22/6	..	4½
North Coast	1	17/6	8	23/9	23/6	24/	6
Ditto, new	1	17/6	8	25/10	..	..	5½
Port Jackson	1	15/	7	32/	32/	32/6	3½
Sydney Ferries	1	1	10	52/6	53/	..	3½
Ditto, new	1	10/	10	43/	42/6	—	3½
INSURANCE.							
A. M. P. Fire	1	15/	14½	48/	42/9	44/	5
Mut. Fire	..	1	20½	58/9	53/	56/	7½
[illegible]	1	6/	14½	18/	18/	..	5
New Zealand	10	2	15	75/9	..	..	7½
Queensland	1	10/	8	17/6	17/	—	4½
United	10	2½	12½	5/12/6	5½	—	5½
COAL.							
Bellambi	1	1	17½	47/6	47/3	48/6	7½
East Greta	1	1	10	29/	28/6	29/6	7
Heddon Greta	1	1	..	..	5/	..	..
Hetton	5	5	6	66/	66/	67/	9
Metrop., ord.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ditto, pref.	1	1	8	20/	20/	..	8
Ditto, pref. 2	1	1	10	13/10½	14/	..	14½
Mt. Kembla	10	10	..	25	23	25	..
Newcastle	11	10	5	7	6½	7	7½
North Bulli	1	1	..	20/	20/6	21/	..
South Greta	10/	10/	..	13/9	13/6	15/	..
Stockton	1	1	..	5/	4/9	5/3	..
Ditto, new	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
V. of Clwydd	1	1	10	22/6	..	30/	4½
Wallsend	10	10	20/	20/15/	27	27½	6½
Waratah	6	..	..	—	1/6	..	..
Wickham and Bullock Is.	1	20/	..	7/9	7/	7/6	..
Ditto, new	1	18/	—	4/0	..	—	..
Ditto, pref.	1	1	..	24/	20/	—	..
GAS.							
Albury	1	12/6	10	21/6	21/	..	5½
Australian	6	6	15	19½	19/9	19/11	4½
Ditto, new	6	3	15	11½	11½	12½	4
Char. Towers	10/	10/	10/	14/9	..	14/6	6½
Goulburn	1	1	15	58/6	58/	—	4½
Grafton	1	1	8	31/	31/	—	5½
Katoomba and Leura	1	1	..	21/	20/	—	..
Manly	5	5	7	..	7	..	5½
Mudgee	1	1	9	40/	..	42/	4½
Parramatta	1	1	7	24/	..	..	6½
Penrith	2	2	15	64	6½	6½	4½
South Shore	1	1	8	42/	42/	43/6	3½
BREWERIES.							
C. and Wood Bros.	1	1	4	10/4½	10/4½	10/9	7½
Tooth's	15/	15/	20	38/6	38/	39/	7½
Toohey's	16/	16/	5	15/	14/9	15/	3½
Tooth's	1	1	10	40/	39/9	40/	5
MISCELL'S.							
Aerated	15/	10/	6	2/7½	3/	..	10
A. Taylor Co.	1	1	10	24/	24/	..	8
Aust. Hat Mills	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Aust. News	1	1	..	14/	14/	14/6	..
B. H. W. Sup.	15/	15/	10	21/9	22/6	..	6½
Burns, Philp	1	1	10	41/	40/6	41/6	4½
Do., New Issue	1	10/	10	20/9	20/6	21/	4½
Col. Sugar	20	20	10	48/15/	48½	48½	4
Dalgety and Co.	20	20	5	6½	6½	..	5½
Dalgety Press							
Tin, pref.	1	1	7	26/6	26/6	28/	4½
Ebro R. Rail	1	1	..	4/10½	..	..	..
Ditto, pref., B	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Fenn and Pros. Gravel	1	10/	6½	12/	..	..	..
F. Food, Ice	12	10	10	12/9	12/7½	12/9	..
Goodlet and Smith	15/	15/	8	17/	16/9	17/3	7½
S. Mackenzie and Co.	1	1	7	22/	..	..	6½
Ditto, pref.	1	1	10	22/	21/	..	9
M. Metropole	..	20	6	..	20/	..	..
Ditto, pref.	1	10/	15/	..	20/	..	..
Ditto, Clark ord.	1	1	7/	20/9	20/6	21/	7½
Ditto, pref.	10	10	6	10/3½	10	10½	5½
Meth. Tram	1	10	..	35/6	37/6	..	..
Mont de Piete	1	1	10	37/6	37/6	38/6	5½
Mort's Dock	1	1	6	20/3	20/	..	6
Ditto, pref.	1	1	6	22/6	22/	..	5½
Paul and Grey	1	1	17½	31/	30/	31/	11½
Perp. Trust	5	2/6	15	5/1	5/1	..	4½
Perp. Trust	10	5/	10	10/6	10/6	11/3	4½
Refined Meat	1	1	..	..	..	—	..
R. and Agcy.	1	1	..	—	—	—	..
Richardson and Wrench	1	1	5	14/	13/3	..	7½
Rich and Co.	1	1	5	14/6	14/	15/3	6½
S. Trams	1	1	40	80/6	88/	..	..
Syd. Cyclorama	1	1	5	15/6	14/	16/	6½
Syd. Exch.	10	10	6	11/14/	12	..	5½
Syd. Hyd.	1	1	10	31/	30/6	32/	6½
Ditto, con.	1	10/	10	15/6	15/4½	16/	6½
Syd. Hyd. and G. E.	1	15/	15	—	—	28/	5½
W. Soul, Patt. and Co.	1	1	10	44/	43/	..	4½
LAND and BD.							
Cos. B. and L.	10	8	..	2/6	..	2/6	..
N. Prov.	20	20	6	19/	..	..	6½
Perm. Inv.	1	15/	12½	27/6	26/	28/	7½
Perm. B. and L.	..	..	6	..	..	..	..
Pub. Free L.	..	6/7	20	3/	..	..	..

* Where dividends are interim the yield is based on year's distribution, otherwise on the last half-yearly. †† Ex dividend. ** Ex interest. § Call paid. ‡ Ex rights. L London delivery. M. 6 months.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

Quotations:—Queensland National Bank, s 21/; inscribed Stock, b 16/11, forward, b 17/; Queensland 3½ per cent. Loan, s £99/5/.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

To-day's Exchange sales were:—Victorian 3 p.c., 1932, £97/10/, £97/15/; 3½ p.c., 1941, £100; 3½ p.c. Treasury, £100; ditto, 3 p.c. Stock, 1917, £88; W.A. ..., £101; Commercial Bank, pref., £5/14/; E.S.A. ..., pref., 12/9; ditto, deferred, 18/6; ditto, debentures, 18/6; Melbourne Tram, 38/9, 38/10½; Silverton Tram, 89/6; Broken Hill Water Supply, 25/; Howard Smith (20/ paid), 40/9.

FINANCIAL.

INCREASED COST OF GOVERNMENT.

We appear to have entered upon a wave of Governmental extravagance. The Federal Government of Australia has committed itself to national schemes of such magnitude that it is difficult to see where it is going to get the money to see them through, without impoverishing the States and initiating a borrowing policy as well. The British Government has succeeded in forcing an old-age pension scheme through the House of Lords, which together with its necessary naval expenditure, will take away all elasticity from the national finances. The United States Government has launched out so much of late that it has to face a deficit. The German Government is borrowing at an extravagant rate to keep up its naval construction programme. The Japanese Government has been forced to officially explain its position in London, on account of the many criticisms that have of late been directed against its policy. And now the French Government appears to be getting itself into the same predicament. In France the strain of Government demands is becoming almost intolerable, and M. Paul Leroy-Beaulieu points out that within a period of three years the budget demands of the Government have risen by £9,560,000, or at the rate of £3,520,000 per annum, and he wants to know whether France can support such a continuous increase in her burdens. His answer is an emphatic No! and there is a fact of the highest importance which has a considerable bearing upon the probability that this answer is correct. The population of France is declining. According to statistics furnished by the Minister of Labour, deaths exceeded births in 1907 by 19,920. Since 1890 the deaths have exceeded the births only in six years, and when the cholera years, 1854-55, and the two war years, 1870-71, are deducted, these six years are all after 1890. The worst feature is that in 1907 there were about 45,000 more marriages than in 1890. The average increase of the population between 1901 and 1905 was only 18 per 10,000 inhabitants. In 1906 the increase fell to 7 per 10,000 inhabitants, and now there is a decrease. Contrast this with what goes on elsewhere. During the period 1901 to 1905 the excess of births over deaths per 10,000 inhabitants was in Italy 106, in England 121, in Germany 149, and in Australia 150.

SYDNEY FERRIES, LTD.

The half-yearly report of the above company for the six months ended June 30 shows a net profit of £9083 for the period, which, with £489 brought forward, made £9572 available for distribution. The directors recommended a dividend at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum, absorbing £8999, and that £572 be carried forward. The directors have decided to call up the balance of the uncalled capital of 10/ per share on the 40,000 new shares, which will be made payable on October 1, and carry dividends from that date. The new capital is necessary for new steamers, wharfs, pontoons, etc. The following comparison may be made of the main figures on the balance-sheet:—

	Half-year ended June 30. 1906.	1907.	1908.
PROFIT AND LOSS—			
Net profit	£7,999	£8,710	£9,083
Dividend, per cent.	10	10	10
Amount of dividend	£8,000	£8,999	£8,999
Forward	657	444	572
LIABILITIES—			
Capital paid-up	160,000	179,986	179,986
Special repairs reserve	7,000	13,000	17,500
Insurance fund	7,000	10,000	12,000
Sundry creditors	2,450	2,744	2,087
ASSETS—			
Ship property	53,308	66,505	62,050
Landed property	101,476	115,285	122,290
Wharfs, etc.	7,949	9,201	8,038
Deposits, cash, etc.	17,522	19,019	24,036
Plant, etc.	1,795	1,761	1,761
Stock	2,090	1,020	2,100

The half-yearly meeting of shareholders was held yesterday under the presidency of Mr. W. C. Goddard, when the report and balance-sheet were adopted.

THE HEPBURN LAW.

While the Commonwealth has attempted to legislate against trusts, and, it is understood, may very shortly put its measure into active operation, the United States has gone one step further. The Hepburn law came into force on May 1 last, after a long notice. It enacts that "from and after May 1, 1908, it shall be unlawful for any railroad company to transport from any State, territory, or the district of Columbia to any other State, territory, or the district of Columbia, or to any foreign country, any article or commodity other than timber and the manufactured products thereof, manufactured, mined, or produced by it, or under its authority, or which it may own in whole or in part, or in which it may have any interest, direct or indirect, except such articles or commodities as may be necessary and intended for its own use in the conduct of its business as a common carrier." The law is comprehensive, yet as plainly worded as could be wished, its object being to divest railroads of the ownership or control of coal and ore lands on account of the unfair discrimination inevitably induced against independent mine-owners and operators. A year and ten months was allowed for such arrangements as might be found necessary for the railroads to divest themselves of these properties so as not to own or have an interest in the products which afford a considerable part of the traffic of some of them. The law had been in actual operation more than a month when last mail left, and the attitude of the parties affected by it is such that only one of the railroads has taken even preliminary steps towards the segregation of the coal lands department from the transportation system. Their evident intention is to defy the law as long as they can.

THE MORGAN COMBINE.

Seeing that the International Mercantile Marine Company, or the "Morgan Combine," as it is more frequently called, has vessels regularly plying to Australian ports in the shape of White Star liners, some interest will be taken in the position of this huge concern. Its annual meeting was held at New York in the middle of June, when its report covering the calendar year, 1907, was submitted. The report stated that the gross earnings amounted to 39,266,583dol, while, notwithstanding an increase of 3,000,000dol in operating expenses, due to increased cost of coal, supplies, and labour, and the cost of five serious strikes, the net earnings amounted to 4,033,730dol, of which 4,000,000dol had been transferred to the depreciation fund, making more than 11,000,000 dol. in that and the insurance fund. These figures are the largest in the history of the company. During the year all payments on account of new steamships building were made from current funds, as a result of which the item of "capital assets" in the balance-sheet had been increased without any addition to the company's debt. The report states that the operating conditions of 1907 were unusually difficult, including five serious strikes, besides several minor ones. These were costly in themselves, and caused a diversion of freight traffic from the company's lines. The Transatlantic passenger traffic, both east and west, showed a material improvement as compared with previous years, but rates were unsatisfactory. The general trade between Great Britain, Australia, and New Zealand was much better in 1907 than in the previous year, and the earnings of the steamers in that trade therefore improved. It is interesting to note that, whereas the net voyage earnings have nearly doubled in four years, there has been a decrease in the cost of administration, and also in interest and fixed charges. The consolidated general balance-sheet of the company as of December 31 last shows assets 194,471,900dol, liabilities 194,159,263dol, surplus 312,637dol.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Mr. F. E. Winchcombe, M.L.C., delivered an interesting presidential address before the Sydney Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon, a report of which appears elsewhere.

He told of a greater year's trade for the State than any of his predecessors in office have been able to record. Nor is it likely that his successors will, for some time at least, witness an equally prolific period.

In supporting the proposed Tariff Appeal Board the president merely voiced the opinions of all who have dealings with the Customs-house.

The Mutual Loan Agency, Limited, has been formed, with a capital of £20,000 in £1 shares, to take over from V. Geary the business of the Mutual Loan Agency, and to continue the promotion of periodical flotation of loans of money. The registered office will be in New South Wales, and the first directors of the company are E. F. Sutton, F. L. Stacy, and A. Forsyth.

The Andrew Cook, Limited, has been formed, with a capital of £10,000 in £25 shares, to take over the business of Andrew Cook, timber merchant and sawmill proprietor. Andrew Cook will be the managing director of the company, whose registered office will be in Newcastle.

The Australasian Advance Association, Limited, has been formed, with a capital of £1000 in £10 shares, to collect subscriptions from the public, and to grant loans from the same to those who are successful in a ballot held by the company, the return to the subscribers of their respective subscriptions being guaranteed. Registered office, Sydney.

The Yongala arrived yesterday from Townsville with three boxes of gold, valued at £3447.

Commonwealth gold exports up to date this year have been of the approximate value of £8,028,000, an increase of £2,701,000 over those of the corresponding portion of last year.

Germany has taken £2,955,000, and Japan £1,000,000 of Australian gold this year.

New South Wales interstate trade during the first half of the current year reached £5,416,000 against £5,404,000 for the same half of last year.

Despite the general restriction in trade, Victorian manufactures have made some advance, as will be seen from the following figures:—

	First 6 months. 1907.	1908.
	£	£
Blankets	50,672	66,979
Boots	183,458	216,553
Confectionery	74,278	76,820
Hats	71,632	77,496
Jams	38,740	42,300
Tobacco manufactured	94,022	122,541
Cigars	19,027	22,117
Cigarettes	16,714	21,315
Wine still	12,155	16,033

The above figures represent the value of interstate outward transfers.

Large exports of gold for Germany were also reported by mail from New York. Apparently the German banks are leaving no stone unturned with the view of strengthening their reserves.

The net premium income for 1907 of 18 representative British fire offices, all of which trade in this State, totalled £21,024,999, an increase of £886,743.

The losses, working expenses, and commission paid by the same offices totalled £17,556,783, a decrease of £7,527,650 compared with the previous 12 months—the San Francisco fire year.

The gain on balance of these offices in 1907 was thus £8,414,393, the deficit of 1906, namely, £4,956,177, being converted into a surplus of £3,458,216 in 1907.

The special reserves of these 18 companies against their fire risks totalled £14,507,988, equal to 69 per cent. of their total premium income.

According to German statistics the Fatherland last year imported £8,300,000 more from Australia than the value of her exports to the Commonwealth.

This year's heavy gold shipments will still further swell the balance of trade against Germany and in favour of Australia.

The Australian Guarantee Society is to be wound up, Mr. Thomas Edgar Smith, of London, having been appointed the liquidator.

At the election for trustees of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, held on June 1, the retiring trustees were re-elected without opposition. It is a striking comment on the events of the last two or three years that the votes cast by policyholders numbered 93, whereas at the previous election, in 1906, no fewer than 300,000 votes were recorded.

The Denton Mills Hat Factory, Ltd., proposes to go into voluntary liquidation, and reform with a larger capital. A nominal issue of 75,000 £1 shares is suggested, of which 45,000 would go to the present shareholders, the balance being held in reserve.

The chairman of the Victorian Insurance Company recently told shareholders that the New South Wales business had not been very profitable, owing to the large number of fires in this State.

The New Zealand railways only earned 3.04 per cent. on the capital invested last year, whereas the money must have cost the Government at least 4 per cent., probably more.

COMMERCIAL.

One of the features in general business yesterday was the almost profuse offerings of wheat, farmers evidently realising that a fall in London at this juncture might be serious to those who have stocks to dispose of before the new harvest comes in. Not only were the offerings large, but owing to the uncertainty of the future millers were prepared to buy at a fair rate, and quite a substantial business resulted. In other respects the mercantile markets had some features, but, beyond the fact that metals moved in quantities to arrive at cut prices, there was nothing to disturb the equanimity of trading transactions. Quite a large amount of fencing wires of all kinds was sold on forward account and the business done, both in locally-made and imported wire nettings, was considerably above the average turnover. The jute market was in some respects fairly active, inasmuch as buyers were prepared to operate pretty freely if holders would have sold at recent rates. This applied more particularly in respect to woolpacks, which were firmly held for 2/2½. The tea market was quiet, Ceylons again meeting with most attention. Groceries did not command much wholesale activity as between merchants, speculative buying evidently being suspended while the monthly orders are being sent out. In oils, the only notable feature was a lowering in the quotation for locally-made linseed to meet the competition by second-grade brands.

WIRE NETTING.

To-morrow the firm of Lysaght Brothers and Co., Limited, will despatch the first consignment (25 miles) of its contract with the Victorian Government, for the supply of 500 miles of locally-made netting. The manager, Mr. Champ, says he hopes to be able to despatch about 25 miles each week. More would have been available for this first consignment but for the fact that, consequent upon the tram strike, scarcely more than half the men and boys turned up for work at the Abbotsford works during the past week. Sales of this netting on private account for the week covered 145 miles of various gauges, and in addition, 65 miles barbed wire were put out.

At a recent meeting of the Melbourne Chamber of Commerce, reference was made to the action by the Victorian Government in purchasing the 500 miles of wire netting without calling for tenders, and, after discussion, the following resolution was adopted, and ordered to be forwarded to the Premier, viz.:—

That this council desires to enter its protest against any departure from the practice of calling for tenders for goods required by the Government in considerable quantities, as was recently done in conection with the purchase of 500 tons wire netting; and, further, it considers it improper, when tenders are invited for goods and not accepted, that prices should be made public, and immediately after fresh tenders called for similar goods.

It will be remembered that when the company failed in the public competition (with a preference of £1 per mile), the Government, with a view to encouraging an Australian industry, gave it a separate contract for the prompt supply of 500 miles of netting—still allowing the £1 preference. It is this netting that is now being manufactured.

DRIED FRUITS TRADE WITH NEW ZEALAND.

The prospects of extending the trade in dried fruits between Australia and New Zealand seem to be exceedingly bright. Mr. H. Norman Rossell, a member of the Renmark executive of the Australian Dried Fruits Association, has returned from a pleasure trip to the Dominion impressed with the possibilities for largely increasing this important trade. He has found that New Zealanders are much larger consumers of dried fruits than are Australians. In the words of Mr. Rossell (as published in the Adelaide "Register") the inhabitants of the Dominion eat per head from four to five times the quantity of dried fruits consumed individually by Australians. "The bulk of this trade," said Mr. Rossell, "is at present going to America; but if we provided better selling conditions, and took more trouble to supply New Zealanders with the quantities and classes of produce required, I am under the impression that we could ultimately get hold of the greater part of this trade." Mr. Rossell intends to bring before the Australian Dried Fruits Association the absolute necessity to take prompt action to secure for the Commonwealth this trade, which is capable of such great extension. He will refer to the matter at the next conference of the association, which will probably be held in Melbourne. In New Zealand he was everywhere received with courtesy by merchants, and every facility was afforded him to pursue his inquiries. "It may interest Australians," concluded Mr. Rossell, "to know that the consumption of raisins and sultanas in the Dominion in 1906 was 1500 tons, which is considerably greater in proportion than the quantity for the Commonwealth."

THE WORLD OF WHEAT.

Taking the wheat harvest of 1906-7 at 410 million quarters, and that of 1907-8 at 370 million quarters, it is worth while to work out the economic consequences. We shall probably be within the mark if we further assume that the difference in price resulting from the deficient as compared with the abundant harvest will come to not less than 4s per quarter. We put the average price per quarter paid for wheat of 1906-7 by consumers in the year beginning September 1, 1906, to be 28s, and the price paid in the current wheat year, beginning last September, to be 32s. On this basis the deficient wheat harvest of last year will have exchanged for £592,000,000, and the abundant wheat harvest of the preceding year for £574,000,000. Thus the growers of wheat actually gained by the bad season 18 millions sterling; and one or two countries, particularly Argentina, which had bumper crops, literally reaped a golden harvest. But if we turn from the special interests of the farmer to the general interests of the world, we see this trifling advantage of 18 millions turned into a disastrous loss.

WHAT A POOR HARVEST MEANS.

To get some idea of the loss we must assume a steady consumption of, say, 400 million quarters. Then it appears that, whereas in the year beginning September 1, 1906, the consumers of wheat paid £560,000,000, in the year beginning September 1, 1907, they will have paid £640,000,000—a difference of 80 millions sterling withdrawn from the purchases of other commodities, such as boots and clothing, the secondary necessaries of life. When it is added that rice, barley, maize, oats, and almost all other staple foods rose more or less with wheat, and that wages generally have been rather lower and employment scarcer in all the great industrial nations of the world, the mind is able to obtain some rough measure of the frightful catastrophe involved in a deficiency of the world's harvests. The 'Economist' concludes thus:—"Nay, we will make bold to say that although the deficiency of capital caused by great wars, increasing armaments, and the devastating earthquakes which did such damage in San Francisco, Chili, and Jamaica, played their part with over-speculation in the financial crisis of last autumn, the commercial crisis which supervened, and the general depression of trade now reigning in Europe and America, are mainly caused by the bad harvest, the high price of provisions, and the consequent falling off in the purchasing power of the labouring classes. When this fact is once grasped, the supreme importance of the harvest prospects at the present time will require no further demonstration."

BRITISH STEEL TRADE.

The "Iron and Steel Trades Journal" says it is in a position to state definitely that the proposed combination in the British steel trade has been accomplished, and that the leading firms of this country, and of Germany, Russia, and the United States, are allied in the combination. Communications which have reached the offices of the newspaper all go to prove that this is "the most gigantic movement of its kind that has ever been set on foot in this country." Inquiries show that in all probability producers of Welsh steel plates, angles, etc., will eventually be found in the combination, but the steel tinplate industry, which belongs peculiarly to Wales, will, according to competent authorities, not be included in the proposed combination. This new movement, the journal adds, will mean an extensive addition to the works which are concerned with it, and will involve a capital outlay of several millions sterling. "As one firm tells us," says the article from which quotation is here made, "the combination will usurp practically the steel trade of the United Kingdom, and at the same time be in a position to compete with the greatest foreign producing steel works. The capital outlay, we understand, will amount to 75 millions sterling, and from what we can gather from the correspondence before us, it is not at all unlikely that the capital will be increased to the extent of 125 millions sterling. The real object of the combine will be to concentrate the control of the international export trade. This proposal is strongly urged and supported by the Continental and United States syndicates who are working in harmony with all interested producers in the United Kingdom."

BREADSTUFFS.

PLENTY OF WHEAT OFFERING.

For the first time for a considerable period, wheat was offering freely yesterday. This was caused by the private circulation of cable news of a slight fall in the European markets. Holders of stored wheat had during the week bought some 5000 bags at 4/2½ per bushel, which to the farmers was tantamount to 4/3¼, because of there being no storage charge. Holders, on accepting this stored wheat, did so under conditions which provided that if they should buy it there would be no charge for storage, but that if sold to others /1 per bushel would be charged as the storer's fee for insurance, covering, and maintenance. The business done yesterday aggregated between 4000 and 8000 bags, which sold on milling account at 4/3 per bushel—now the top of the market. Quite a large quantity was offered at 4/3¼. Some of the would-be sellers were prepared to take 4/3¼, but millers (who had the private information respecting London) could not be induced to go beyond 4/3.

The offerings could be put down at fully 20,000 bags, which for this extraordinary season constituted something in the way of a record. Now, indeed, will the next news of the European markets be awaited with interest, because it would appear to be evident that the farmers have at last realised that there is no longer a shortage here for local requirements. The estimated shortage at the early part of the season has, by reason of the large imports and few local sales of any consequence, been transformed into what is practically a surplus. It so happens that a good many farmers are at present in Sydney on business in connection with their own association, and probably the freer offerings are due to the fact that they are on the spot, and able to realise that only a few months are available in which to dispose of their stocks, the prospects of the new crops being, generally speaking, indicative of a good harvest.

Flour was unchanged at the association rates of £9/5/ and £9 per ton for city and country makes respectively.

At Darling Harbour yesterday 113 tons of wheat and 86 tons of flour were manifested to arrive.

UNITED STATES CROPS.

Mr. G. J. S. Broomhall, statistician of the Liverpool grain trade, estimates that the total yield of the United States spring and winter wheat will amount to 681,000,000 bushels this year, against 623,000,000, the official estimate of last year. The improvement in the winter wheat is comparatively small; the crop is expected to yield only 16,000,000 bushels more than in 1906; but except on the Pacific Coast, where the weather is droughty, the spring crop is splendid, and should produce 256,000,000 bushels, instead of 224,000,000, an increase of 32,000,000. The "Economist" says:—"The heavy rains which have fallen recently have already damaged the winter wheat, and now that the crop is fully ripe all future rains will be harmful."

WHEAT LOADINGS.

The railway returns show that in the week ended July 25 the total quantity of wheat despatched from country stations was 14,129 bags, made up as follows:—Southern district, 7360 bags; Western, 5311; and Northern, 1458. During the same week the stacks of wheat on railway premises amounted to 372,471 bags, being 9192 bags less than the previous week. The stacks at this time last year totalled 492,555 bags. The stacks on July 25 were distributed as follow:—

Station.	No. of Bags.	Station.	No. of Bags.
Stockinbingal	11,908	Ganmain	7,278
Temora	35,813	Matong	514
Gidginbung	3,636	Berrigan	17,928
Wyalong	600	Finley	821
Illabo	3,138	Wellington	25,073
The Rock	7,925	Geurie	28,704
Lockhart	8,250	Narromine	1,840
Henty	18,573	Parkes	15,500
Culcairn	11,406	Bogan Gate	5,910
Walla Walla	4,882	Trundle	3,116
Burrumbuttock	5,416	Grenfell	8,000
Brocklesby	9,873	Iandra	51,418
Balldale	5,510	Cowra	15,264
Hopefield	2,029	Attunga	154
Corowa	1,700	Manilla	5,780
Germanton	11,956	Darling Island	35,742
Old Junee	1,140		
Marrar	2,240	Total	372,471
Coolamon	20,344		

The following shows how the stacks grew and how they are diminishing:—

	Bags.		Bags.
December 14	98,475	March 28	604,067
January 4	117,453	April 11	542,714
January 11	263,662	April 25	525,761
January 25	451,466	May 9	488,751
February 8	615,298	May 30	454,003
February 22	680,474	June 20	432,380
March 14	628,161	July 25	372,471

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

Tea.—A fair amount of business was done in teas, 150 packages of Ceylons and Indians being placed at /7¼ to /9¼, and 100 packages of Ceylons at /8.

Fraser, Uther, and Co., Limited, report having sold by auction yesterday on account of the importers, Messrs. Parbury, Henty, and Co., 350 packages Ceylon and Indian teas at prices up to /8¼ per lb.

Messrs. H. W. Carey and Co. will offer at auction this afternoon, at 2.30, at their rooms, Bridge-street, 800 packages Ceylon and 400 packages Indian teas, on account of Messrs. Gibbs, Bright, and Co.

Groceries.—Currants (cleaned amalias) sold to the extent of 100 half-cases at /5¼ (one line), the distributing price being /5¾ to /6. Sultanas and elemes were unaltered and selling readily. Dates continued firm at /3¾ to /3¾. Five tons of yellow millet seed were placed at £12 per ton. G-grade resin had further attention at the reduced rate of £8/10/, N-grade remaining firm at £12/15/. Holbrook's imperial half-pint sauces was scarce. Viking milk (unsweetened) continued to sell well at agents' prices. It was reported that a Customs difficulty in respect to the label on Neave's food had been overcome by compromise. Fish had attention at late rates.

Oils.—B. and S.'s linseed oil had sales at 3/4 and 3/6, raw and boiled respectively. Thistle oil was selling at 3/2 and 3/4 in small lots, and at /0½ less to arrive. Meggitt's Parramatta oil (linseed) was available at 3/1 for raw, in parcels. The locally-made oil cake was selling at £9 per ton, 40 tons being placed for Tasmania. Orders booked ahead include 5 tons each week for Melbourne until the end of the year. Two tons of calfmeal (made from the residue of oil) were placed at £15 per ton. Other oils and whitelead were unaltered.

Metals.—Sales of Lysaght's nettings for the week included the following:—35 miles 42 x 1½ x 17, A, £31; 28 miles 42 x 1½ x 17, B, £29; 10 miles 42 x 1½ x 17, B, £25; 25 miles 42 x 1½ x 18, £23/10/; 22 miles 36 x 1½ x 18, £16/10/; 8 miles 36 x 1½ x 17, B, £21/5/; 10 miles, 36 x 1½ x 17, B, £25/10/; 7 miles, 36 x 1½ x 17, A, £23 per mile. Imported nettings to arrive ex the Roon, sold to the extent of 75 miles as follow:—42 x 1½ x 17, A grade, W.A., £30; ditto, B grade, £27/10/; 42 x 1½ x 18, Ryland's, A grade, £23/10/; 36 x 1½ x 17, B grade, W.A., £19/10/. To arrive ex the York, sales reported included 10 miles of 36 x 1½ x 18, at £18/10/, and 10 miles of 36 x 1½ x 18, at £16/10/. Fencing wires had large sales (125 tons), to arrive in vessels about due—the Kilkarran and the Westfalen. The prices were the following:—German black, £7/17/6 and £8/7/6; American (No. 8), £7/17/6; German galvanised, £9/17/6 and £10/7/6; American galvanised, £9/12/6 and £10/7/6; and American Iowa barbed, £14/17/6 and £16. Lysaght's barbed wire had sale for the week amounting to 25 tons of No. 12 gauge, at £14/10/ per ton, and 40 tons of No. 14 gauge at £15/17/6 per ton. The market for cement continued firm; 100 casks of Anchor sold f.o.b. in bond at equal to 13/, and 150 casks were placed on spot at this price; 100 casks of Shipbrand, in distributing lots, realised 13/6. King's Windsor plaster (50 casks) sold at 12/9. Lysbrook's tinplates (51 boxes) were placed at 15/. Kelly's axes (25 cases) sold at 49/6 per dozen—a concessional rate, the distributing price being up to 44/6. Quicksilver was scarce at 2/6½. Though Calcutta was cabled at 4/7½ c.i.f., prices for cornsacks remained steady at 4/11 to 5/ delivered. Old sacks were hardly procurable under 6/6 per dozen. Woolpacks were worth 2/2½ each, and firm. Branbags were easy at 4/3. Ore pockets were quoted at 2/6 for 16oz and 20oz respectively.

Additional Customs decisions include the following:—

Sleeve links and collar studs, bone, 25 per cent., previous circular to be amended accordingly.

Medicated plasters, 15 per cent.

At Darling Harbour yesterday 420 bales of wool were manifested to arrive.

The revenue collected at the Customs-house yesterday amounted to £16,308.

LONDON MARKET CABLES.

SILVER.

LONDON, July 29 (3.20 p.m.).

Bar silver is quoted to-day 2/0¾ per ounce standard, ⅛d higher.

METALS.

July 30 (4.30 a.m.).

Yesterday's closing quotations were:—

Copper, spot, 2/6 higher, at b £59/5/, s £59/10/; three months, 5/ higher, at b £60, s £60/5/.

Tin, spot, 2/6 lower, at b £137/7/6, s £137/17/6; three months, 5/ higher, at b £138/12/6, s £139/2/6.

Lead, soft foreign, spot, 2/6 higher, at b £13/5/, s £13/10/.

WHEAT CARGO SOLD.

The cargo (25,643 bags of wheat) of the barque La Bruyere, which left Melbourne on March 19 for the Channel, has been sold at 37/6 per quarter of 480lb.

LONDON TALLOW SALES.

Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Ltd., have received the following cable from their London house, under Wednesday's date:—"Tallow: Since our last report the market for mutton and beef is unaltered, prices ruling as follow:—Fair to good mutton tallow, from 33/ to 33/6 per cwt.; beef, from 31/6 to 32/."

INTERSTATE MARKETS.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

The markets were unaltered to-day, though London advices showed further weakness on that side. Locally, however, nothing was doing, and while it was reported that a parcel of wheat had changed hands at about 4/ f.o.b., business was extremely quiet. Flour was nominal from £8/12/6 to £8/15/. Bran and pollard were steady at 1/3. Some business took place in chaff at £6.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Wheat was quieter, with more disposition to sell, quotation being from 4/2½ to 4/3. Sellers were asking 4/3. Flour was quiet at £9/10/. Bran and pollard were firm at 1/3. Algerian oats were steady at from 3/1½ to 3/3½. Maize was steady at 4/3½. Peas were firm at from 4/2½ to 4/3. Chaff was dull. Prime was scarce. Good to prime oaten sold from £6/10/ to £6/17/6, choice green wheaten £7 to £7/5/. Potatoes were quiet. Victorian Pinkeye and Red Soil sold up to £5; choice Excelsior to £5/5/, Snowflake 87/6 to 90/; prime Tasmanian £5/5/, special to £5/10/. Onions further advanced. Prime sold at £8/15/, and special at £9. Butter was firm. An advance of 2d is regarded as possible to-morrow, but it has not been actually decided upon.

Business in tea covers 200 packages Ceylon, 100 packages Indian, and 100 half-chests Panyong. Tinned salmon continued in good distributing demand. Five tons of cream of tartar were sold. Cornsacks were quiet at 4/11 for forward delivery. Branbags sold at 4/4 on spot, and 4/3½ to arrive. Fencing materials were in steady country demand.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

TRADE IN SUSSEX-STREET.

On account of the nearing of the end of the month, retailers only operated to actual needs. Although the operators in chaff were not many, the quantities sold were fairly large. Prime cuts received a fair amount of attention, while medium cuts were quiet at late rates. The Period arrived with about 17,000 bags of chaff from Adelaide. The demand for maize was quiet, prime dry grain sold at 4/7, while white was slow at 4/5. The best of the remaining potatoes brought £5/5/, while darkskins sold up to £5. Onions were selling firm at current rates. A shipment of 1700 cases of onions arrived by the Nikko Maru from Japan, for which agents were asking £10. The quality of the consignment was good, although the appearance was slightly affected. At the Hunter River wharf 105 bales of lucerne arrived, and met a fair demand. Some choice prime green bales brought as high as £6. New green sold from £3 to £5. Oats were still a firm commodity.

Current quotations were:—

FEED-GRAIN AND OFFAL MARKET.

Maize.—Prime dry 4/7, good 4/6; white, 4/5 bus. Barley.—Cape, 4/7 to 4/8; medium from 4/4 bus. Peas.—Blue, 5/6; grey, 4/6; inferior from 4/4 bus. Wheat.—Prime milling 4/3 bus. Chickwheat.—To 4/2 bus. Oats.—Tasmanian: White, to 3/6; Giant, 3/8. Algerian milling, to 3/6; seed, 3/8 to 3/9. New Zealand: 3/6; Gartons, 3/7 bus. Bran.—£6; pollard, £6 ton.

FORAGE MARKET.

Chaff.—Adelaide; Prime £6/15/ to £7, good £6/5/ to £6/12/6. New Zealand: Oaten to £7. Tasmanian: Extra choice £7, prime £6/5/ to £6/15/. Oaten Hay.—Melbourne: Nominal. Derrick Straw.—Tasmanian: £3/15/. Lucerne.—Hunter River: Prime dry green to £5/15/, soft green, £3 to £4/10/, old summer hay, £4/10/ to £5.

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes.—Tasmanian: Redskins, £5/5/; darkskins, to £5.

Onions.—Melbourne: Brown Spanish, £9/10/ to £10.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

A better tone prevailed in the dairy produce market, and business all round showed more animation.

On account of the two boats loaded with butter for this market being barbound at the Richmond River, some agents were unable to do business with superfine brands until the supplies arrived. The recently-increased prices were ruling firm. The Queensland market was quite on a par with our market, while choice western butter in Melbourne sold at 168/ per cwt. Agents did not hesitate in saying the market would hold, and some predicted a further rise for Monday.

Bacon was again increased, /0½ extra all round was now being asked. Some very large orders were being received from the southern States, and it was estimated that about 1000 sides would be shipped by the end of the week.

Cheese also was receiving a fair amount of attention from the other States, and on this account /0½ extra was asked for a special brand. The supplies expected to hand were extremely light, on account of the factories shipping the bulk of their makes direct to Melbourne, where they met a higher market.

Although the supplies of eggs were still arriving heavy, the larger proportion of them was reduced, owing to the cheaper prices increasing the demand. Fair consignments were also being sent to Melbourne. A fair quantity of Queensland were offering, and met with a small amount of business. Prices showed practically no alteration from yesterday, and although the inquiry had not improved much, a better demand was expected to-morrow.

Lard was extremely scarce, and special brands sold at increased rates.

Late quotations were:—

Butter.—Special flavoured brands 158/, choice 150/ to 154/, seconds and medium grades 144/ to 150/, pastry 132/ to 140/ cwt.

Cheese.—Local: Prime loaf /9½, good /8½ to /9¼; prime large /8½ to /9, good /8¼; new, inferior /8½ to /8¾; special brands, /9¼ to /9½.

Lard.—Packets and small bladders /8½ to /8¾, bulk /8 to /8½, special /9, bulk /9¼.

Bacon.—Prime factory, sides /7½ to /7¾, flitches /7¼ to /7½, middles /8½ to /9½; hams, /9 to /10½; special brands, sides /8¼, flitches /7¾, middles /9¾; hams, in cloth, /11½; in seed, /12½.

Eggs.—Northern rivers /10 to /11; Southern and railway, /11; new-laid suburban /11 to 1/. Duck eggs, new-laid, /10 to /11.

POULTRY.

Choice poultry still brought firm prices. Light and inferior birds were not eagerly sought after, although satisfactory sales were made.

Current prices were:—

River.—Hens 3/6 to 4/; roosters, 4/ to 4/6, choice 5/; chickens, .. to 2/, choice 4/; English ducks, 3/6 to 4/6; Muscovy, 3/6 to 4/6; drakes, 4/ to 5/; extra choice 5/6; geese, 5/ to 6/6; goslings, 5/; turkeys, hens 6/ to 8/6; gobblers, prime 9/ to 13/6, extra heavy to 20/; guineafowls, 4/ to 5/, choice 5/6 pair; game, black ducks, 3/, brown 2/6 to 1/6.

Suburban.—Roosters, choice 4/6, good 3/ to 4/; hens, choice 3/9, good 3/ to 3/6; ducks, English 3/ to 4/6, choice to 5/; Muscovy, 3/ to 4/, choice 5/; drakes, to 6/, choice 7/; turkeys, hens 4/ to 7/, choice 8/, extra heavy to 12/; gobblers, 10/ to 15/, choice to 20/; geese, 7/ to 8/3; guineafowls, 4/ to 5/, choice 5/6; pigeons, 1/ to 1/6 pair.

APIARY PRODUCTS.

Since the recent advance of prices in butter a better demand was noticeable for honey. All classes were now moving off fairly well, although second qualities and candied sorts were mostly sought after. Wax was dull.

Current quotations were:—

Honey.—60lb tins choice Western /2½ to /3, prime /2¼ to /2½, inferior and candied, /2 to /2¼.

Beeswax.—Bright, 1/ to 1/3; dark, 1/ to 1/2.

FIREWOOD.

Twenty-two truckloads of firewood were offered for auction, but on account of only a small quantity of boxwood arriving, prices for this line were higher by 1/. Ironbark and stringy sold at current rates.

Current prices were:—

Best boxwood, 15/ to 17/, good 13/ to 14/; bakers' wood, 12/ to 12/6, good 10/ to 11/; ironbark and stringy, 10/6 to 13/.

AUCTION SALES.

A small number of buyers attended the sale held at the railway goods shed on Thursday morning. Competition was very dull. Prices, however, remained firm at about late rates. The offerings amounted to 28 truckloads of mixed produce, of which 18 were disposed of, and were made up as follow:—Chaff 8, lucerne hay 13, maize 2, oats 1, wheat 1, potatoes 3. Chaff met with a very poor demand, and was hard to dispose of, only two truckloads being knocked down at auction. Prices, however, despite the fact that Friday is the last day of the month, remained firm at late rates, medium cuts realising 5/ and 5/4 per cwt respectively. A large supply of lucerne hay was to hand, but it also met with a very poor demand, and 8 truckloads of this commodity were withdrawn for private dealings. Prices obtained were, if anything, slightly weaker than those obtained on Wednesday, as prime large bales were knocked down at from 4/ to 4/7 and medium quality hay at 3/6 per cwt. A small consignment of prime yellow maize from Queensland moved off at 4/7 per bushel, and a truckload of medium-quality Algerian oats was disposed of at 3/1 per bushel. Prime chickwheat was worth 4/4 per bushel, which represents a slight increase on late rates. Potatoes were entirely neglected, and although three truckloads of this commodity were put under the hammer, bidding failed to reach the reserves, and the whole available supply was reserved for private dealings.

Supplies were disposed of as follow:—

Chaff.—Ex Quipolly, (11875) p 6/5, (12942) p 6/5; ex Manilla, (8703) p 4/10; Burke, Newcastle, (18956) 5/; Lander, Black Mountain, (7737) e 4/2; ex Iandra, (13161) no bid; Sterling and Hogan, Newcastle, (2110) p 5/; ex Wiregn, (12050) 5/4 per cwt.

Lucerne Hay.—Ex Wallangarra, (12804) p 5/2, (7244) p 5/2; Whyte, Aberdeen, (4287) 4/; ex Singleton, (12057) no bid; ex Muswellbrook, (11957) p 3/2; Rowland and Dodd, Scone, (13280) p 3/2, (6096) 3/6; ex Manilla, (11445) p 4/10; Chaffey, Nemingha, (6086) p 4/10; Fletcher, Walcha-road, (13017) 7 bales 4/3, chaff p 4/6; Hoban, Nemingha, (7895) p 4/8, (5865) 4/7; Wilton, (769) 4/6 per cwt.

Maize.—Ex Wallangarra, (38) 4/7, (1725) p 4/6½ per bushel.

Oats.—From Greene, Iandra, (5354) 3/1 per bushel.

Wheat.—Ex Temora, (11254) 4/4 per bushel.

Potatoes.—Ex Guyra, (1308) p 5/3; Egan, Llangothlin, (3788) Brownells p 5/7 per cwt, redskins no offer; Burey, Guyra, (3778) no offer.

FRUIT MARKETS.

BATHURST-STREET.

A quiet day was experienced by the commission agents in the Bathurst-street fruit markets. Stocks on hand were light, and good fruit sold at firm rates, with the exception of passionfruit. Bananas were not commanding much attention, but better results were expected throughout the market with to-day's sales.

Current prices were:—

Apples.—Tasmanian: S.P.M., extra choice 11/, choice 9/ to 10/, medium 8/ to 9/, small 5/ to 6/; N.Y.P., extra choice 11/, choice 8/ to 9/; S.T.P., choice 7/6 to 8/, good 6/ to 7/; R.B., 7/6 to 9/; C.P.M., 8/ to 10/. Cooking: F.C., 6/ to 7/; S.P., 5/ to 6/; M.C., 5/ to 6/6.

Cocoanuts.—10/ to 10/6 per bag, 1/6 to 2/ per dozen.

Bananas.—Fiji: 14/6 to 15/ per case, 2/6 to 6/6 bunch. Queensland: 11/ to 12/ per case, 2/ to 5/ bunch; sugar, 10/ per double-case.

Loquats.—Choice 3/6 to 4/, small 1/6 to 2/; Mammoth, choice 8/, medium 4/ to 5/ per box.

Lemons.—Choice coloured 6/ to 7/, medium 5/, small 4/ per gin-case.

Mandarins.—Local: Emperors, choice 9/ to 10/, medium 6/ to 7/6, small 4/ to 5/ gin-case; Thorneys, choice 4/ to 5/, medium 2/6 to 3/, small 2/ per half-case.

Oranges.—Local: Extra choice 9/, choice 6/ to 7/, medium 4/ to 5/, small 3/ to 3/6 per gin-case; Navel, choice large 10/ to 12/, medium 6/ to 7/, small 4/ to 4/6 per gin-case; Seville, choice 3/6, good 2/6 to 3/ per case.

Passionfruit.—Local: Choice coloured 3/6 to 4/, medium 2/ to 2/6, small 1/ to 1/6 per half-case.

Peanuts.—/5¼; walnuts, /6¼; Barcelonas, /5¼; Lychee, /10; almonds, 10 to /10½ per lb.

Pineapples.—Queens, 3/6 to 5/; Ripley Queen, 4/ to 4/; common, choice 3/ to 4/, medium from 2/6.

Strawberries.—Queensland: 3/6 to 4/6 per 3-quart tray.

Tomatoes.—Queensland: Choice coloured 2/6 to 4/, green 2/6 to 3/ per quarter-case.

BELMORE.

Mandarins, oranges, and lemons are scarce, as suppliers, on account of the late unsettled weather conditions, have not been forwarding their fruit. A large consignment of passionfruit has been placed on the market, and, as buyers are not showing any disposition to operate in this line, prices are quoted at lower rates. Small consignments of Queensland strawberries are coming to hand, but, as supplies have proved equal to the demand, prices have remained firm at late rates.

Current quotations were:—

Apples.—Tasmanian: S.P.M.'s, 7/ to 8/, extra choice 10/ to 13/; S.T.P.'s, 6/ to 7/; N.Y.P.'s, 9/ to 12/; C.E., 6/6 to 8/6 per case. Cooking apples: H.C.'s, 6/; S.P.'s, 5/6 to 6/6; F.C.'s, 6/ to 7/6.

Bananas.—Fiji: 14/6. Queensland: 11/ per pine-case.

Tomatoes: Queensland: Extra choice ripe 4/ 5/; good, 2/ to 3/ per quarter-case.

Cocoanuts.—10/ to 11/ per bag, 2/6 per dozen.

Passionfruit.—Choice 4/, medium 3/, small 2/ per box.

Oranges.—Queensland: 4/ to 5/ per packer. Local: Choice 6/ to 8/, medium 4/6 to 5/6 per gin-case.

Mandarins.—Emperors: Choice 10/, medium 7/ to 8/ per gin-case; Thorneys, 3/ to 4/ per box, 6/ to 8/ per gin-case.

Lemons.—Choice 7/, medium 4/ to 5/ per gin-case.

Loquats.—Good 5/, medium 3/, small 2/ per box.

Pineapples.—Commons, choice 4/6, medium 3/; Queen, choice 4/ to 5/ per case.

Pears.—Victorian: B.P., 14/; Vicars, 11/; W.N., 18/ to 20/ per bushel-case.

Strawberries.—Choice 4/, good 3/6, inferior 2/6 per three-quart box.

MELBOURNE.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

In the Queen Victoria Market to-day fruit sold as follows:—Almonds, /6 to /8 per lb; apples, 4/6 to 10/ per case; oranges, 7/ to 12/ ditto; lemons, 7/ to 8/ ditto; melons, preserving, 2/6 to 3/ per doz.; pears, dessert, 6/ to 9/ per case; walnuts, /7 to /8 per lb.

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PRODUCE ARRIVALS.

The arrivals of maize, oats, chaff, potatoes, and butter by rail and sea for the week ended Tuesday, July 28, together with the totals to date for the year, and the corresponding period of the previous year, are appended:—

	Coastal. Bags.	By rail. Bags.	Other States. Bags.
MAIZE.			
Week's receipts	5,880	759	1,605
Previous week	8,336	2,849	—
Total to date, 1908	198,426	31,562	29,717
Total to date, 1907	204,560	107,184	28,852
OATS.			
Week's receipts	—	338	4,904
Previous week	—	117	3,828
Total, 1908	—	17,364	125,917
Total, 1907	—	55,786	98,616
CHAFF.			
Week's receipts	—	6,150	54,966
Previous week	—	9,000	32,874
Total, 1908	—	396,350	536,466
Total, 1907	—	815,184	614,907
POTATOES.			
Week's receipts	12	1,606	14,605
Previous week	304	2,002	21,578
Total, 1908	5,525	54,902	443,989
Total, 1907	35,231	42,320	477,877

BUTTER.	Boxes.	Boxes.	Kegs.	Boxes.
Week's receipts	9,585	1,713	7	1,270
Previous week	5,911	1,871	6	—
Total, 1908	200,552	60,018	218	19,493
Total, 1907	463,723	93,813	888	2,992

Included in the above is a small quantity of butter from New Zealand, and some maize from the islands.

STOCK TRUCKINGS.

For the sale of August 3, 340 sheep vans and 103 cattle waggons; for that of August 6, 484 sheep vans and 120 cattle waggons. Order books closed for cattle waggons up to and including the market of August 27, and for sheep vans up to and including the market of September 3.

STATION PRODUCE SALES.

The Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co., Ltd., John Bridge and Co., Ltd., Dalgety and Co., Ltd., Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Ltd., Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd., Hill, Clark, and Co., New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Ltd., Pastoral Finance Association, Ltd., Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd., Schute, Bell, and Co., and Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd., report:—

Tallow.—Prices for prime sorts were practically unchanged. Good grades were 5/ to 10/ lower, while medium descriptions declined 15/ to 20/ a ton. Quotations: Prime mixed, £27/15/ to £28/5/; good mixed, £26/5/ to £27/10/; medium mixed, £24/10/ to £26; inferior mixed, £20 to £24; broken packages, £20 to £23/5/. 253 casks were offered, 145 sold.

Hair, Horns, and Sundries.—Horsehair ruled occasionally higher, while all other lines were unchanged. Quotations:—Horsehair sold to /23½ per lb; cowhair, to /14½; stumps, to /8¼; shankbones, round £8/10/ per ton, flat to £5, mixed £4 to £6/10/, buttocks to £9, shins to £8/10/; hidepieces, to £9; hoofs, white to £12/15/, striped to £6, black to £5; sinews, to £21; pizzles, to £11; horns, to 67/ per 100; beeswax, to /13½ per lb.

HOMEBUSH STOCK MARKET.

YESTERDAY'S SALES.

SHEEP.

Upwards of 50,533 sheep (including lambs) were balloted for sale, from 91 consignors, and 44,210 head were penned. There were 16 large lines forward, ranging from 1000 to 2600 head. The sheep comprised a large proportion of good, useful quality merino wethers and ewes, with a very fair representation of prime and extra prime; medium and light were moderately in evidence. A draft of 856 wethers, consigned by C. W. Firebrace (Mercadool station) realised to 23/, and averaged 20/ per head, 1542 ewes, from the same owner, sold to 18/, and averaged 16/7. The tops of the "Bando" wethers sold to 24/4 per head. There was a sprinkling of crossbreds, ranging from useful hoggets to extra prime, including a draft from M'Gill and Co. (Mollee). There was a large attendance of buyers, including exporters, the Sydney Meat Preserving Company, Ltd., and operators on Melbourne account. As on Monday last, the market opened dull, and lower, but improved as the sales progressed; prime heavy wethers and ewes ruling at very firm rates. Quotations: Prime merino w 18/ to 19/6, extra prime merino w 21/ to 22/; odd pens to 24/4; good merino w and h 14/ to 16/, medium merino w and h 10/ to 12/; prime merino e 13/6 to 15/6, extra prime merino e 17/ to 18/; good merino e 10/6 to 12/, medium merino e 7/6 to 9/; prime xbd w 18/ to 19/6, extra prime 21/ to 22/9, a few to 25/; good xb w and h 13/6 to 15/6, medium xbd w and h 10/6 to 12/, prime xbd e 17/6 to 19/, a few to 21/; good xbd e and h 13/ to 15/; medium and light xbd e and h 9/6 to 11/6. Sales:—

William Inglis and Son.—J. L. Tulloch, Aberdeen, 121 e 8/5, 35 xb e 11/.

Abbott and Martineer.—Northern agents, 70 e 12/8; F. Kops, 27 w 10/.

Hill, Clark, and Co.—Powell Bros., Burren, 339 w 18/10 to 19/1, 57 17/6; G. D. Bowen, Cathundral, 30 xb 16/5, 165 w 14/4, 129 e 11/3, 78 e and w h 11/; T. H. Maunder, Currabubula, 12 w 16/7, 120 xb h 14/3, 14/6, 36 12/9; G. Holland, Burren, 130 w h 14/3, 126 12/ to 12/4; J. J. Skinner, Combara, 150 w 14/4, 113 12/3; S. Dempsey, Burren, 37 e and w 14/8; E. A. and V. Doyle, 79 w 11/10.

Badgery Bros.—M. Boland, Woolabra, 51 w 18/4, 100 16/4, 24 e 13/10, 71 h 13/10; J. F. King, 20 w 16/7, 44 14/6, 17 r 14/, 5 e 13/.

Weaver and Perry.—J. A. Buckland, Mudgee, 307 w 15/1 to 15/6, 225 12/6 to 13/1, 27 13/4; T. Beasley, Brewarrina, 71 w 13/10, 133 11/4, 105 9/6, 67 e 9/; F. E. Churchill, Manildra, 101 w 14/3, 83 13/9; G. A. Sevil, Merah, 38 w 14/9, 49 e 12/.

Maiden Bros.—J. Patrick, Gular, 363 e 16/2, 99 14/4 to 14/6, 28 10/5; J. Wood Fry, Boggabri, 289 w 13/2 to 13/6, 132 12/; J. Green, Coolabah, 21 w 18/6, 25 e 17/, 317 15/, 140 12/10 to 13/; estate L. L. Doyle, Werris Creek, 219 w 18/2, 101 16/8, 103 xb h 14/1; Dobikin station, Woolabra, 288 w 14/10 to 14/11, 181 18/1 to 13/6, 245 17/10 to 18/1; P. Mulcahy, Woolabra, 24 e 13/, 11 16/9; J. M. Holland, Grenfell, 118 xb w h 11/8, 95 xb e h 11/7, 30 9/9, 12 9/7; estate late J. Wall, Wee Waa, 103 xb w 16/, 104 xb h 14/2, 68 12/7, 17 xb w 14/10, 181 w 15/1 to 15/5; J. J. Sweeney, Forbes, 110 w 15/, 59 13/5; J. J. Shanklin, Gular, 114 w 13/11, 38 12/, 130 e 12/, 56 8/1; J. Reeves, Coonamble, 172 w 12/8 to 12/9, 88 10/2; L. Thompson, Wee Waa, 113 h 13/3; M. A. M'Dowell, Coonamble, 160 w 13/2 to 13/6, 111 10/6, 39 e 9/; Haynes and Hain, Coonamble, 320 e 14/10, 83 13/2, 39 w 15/6; F. H. Lovelock, Trangie, 12 xb e 11/9, 50 10/4; A. D. Gardiner, Coonamble, 166 w 15/4, 144 13/2 to 13/8; J. Stamm, Nyngan, 195 e 10/, 108 6/9 to 7/1, 31 10/7; W. agents, 55 w 9/, 35 e 11/7; J. R. Watson, Wee Waa, 183 e 13/2 to 13/7, 58 11/8; W. M. Maxwell, Wee Waa, 114 w 13/6, 195 h 12/8; — Lisle, Walcha-road, 51 w 14/1, 31 e 10/.

Wilkinson and Lavender, Limited.—C. W. Firebrace, Cryon, 170 w 22/ to 22/1, 886 19/6 to 19/9, 276 e 18/, 1061 16/9 to 16/10, 174 13/9; Talawanta station, Brewarrina, 279 w 10/9 to 12/, 1707 12/3; Northern agents, Weriabra, 426 e 15/6, 632 13/5 to 13/9, 258 11/6 to 11/8.

New Zealand L. and M. A. Company, Limited.—Eulong station, Forbes, 103 e 15/1, 112 14/10, 52 13/6; C. H. Kemp, Merrywinebone, 168 e 12/8, 242 11/6, 130 9/7 to 9/11; W. G. Matchett, Mullengudgery, 5 xbds 22/9, 19 w 17/6, 7 20/, 10 h 14/4, 28 15/2, 42 e 12/9; J. Peacock, Coonamble, 619 w 14/6 to 14/8, 481 13/3 to 13/4, 227 12/, 100 h 13/.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited.—Wallangra Pastoral Company, Boggabri, 300 w 14/1, 131 15/7; Barton and Taylor, Brewarrina, 120 w 12/1, 301 12/, 89 9/10, 447 e 9/6, 100 8/4; W. S. Harden, Moree, 110 w 17/11, 65 13/10, 316 15/, 64 e 13/9, 22 11/, 94 11/9 to 11/10; Glennie Brothers, Moree, 54 e 13/4.

J. C. Young and Co.—W. F. Jaques, Bugilbone, 96 w 19/6, 310 17/11, 240 16/5.

Warden Harry Graves, Limited.—J. Dwyer, Cryon, 22 w and e 17/1, 23 14/8 to 14/9, 5 e 13/1.

Josh. Leeds and Co.—J. M'Master, Bundella, 167 w 21/, 453 20/3 to 20/7; M'Gill and Co., Mollee, 94 xb w 19/6, 9 xb e 21, 103 18/9 to 19/, 6 xb w 25/, 79 21/9, 76 xb e 17/3; W. F. Buchanan, Killarney, 282 w (sh) 12/10 to 13/4, 244 10/11 to 11/1.

Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd.—B. K. Peacey, 20 w 21/, 39 18/3, 98 e 15/1, 97 13/5; J. H. Bettington, 582 w 20/ to 20/4, 366 18/ to 18/7, 8 13/; O. Turner, 255 w 18/1 to 18/3, 103 16/6, 82 14/5; T. F. Bucknell, 171 w 14/3, 19 stags 14/, 41 w 13/4, 12 e 12/1, 10 stags 10/; A. Bowen, 18 w 17/4, 53 e 13/5 to 13/6; P. Kilfoyle, 9 e 17/1; H. C. Thompson, 100 w 16/11, 260 15/11, 99 13/11 to 14/; J. S. Keen, 20 e 16/, 20 15/, 281 14/11, 505 12/11, 164 11/6 to 11/7; J. J. and T. Strickland, 25 e 13/2, 180 12/1, 120 10/10; Northern agents, 52 w 14/2 to 14/4, 23 12/; C. R. A. Duncan, 109 e 14/4, 167 9/9; E. Cook, 199 w (sh) 13/4 to 13/7, 213 12/ to 12/5, 90 11/; D. Woods, 100 w 13/11, 120 11/ to 11/1, 274 10/7 to 10/10; R. H. Duncan, 260 e 11/7; W. H. M'Ilveen, 407 e 13/1, 75 11/; D. E. Hooley, 19 e 9/.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited.—Exors. late H. C. White, Gunnedah, 128 w 23/2 to 24/4, 423 21/ to 21/3, 55 19/1; T. Cook and Co., Merah, 98 w 19/1, 312 16/10 to 18/, 96 15/11; A. A. Dangar, Quirindi, 573 w 16/1 to 17/6; R. T. and F. Williams, Moree, 118 xbd h 14/10, 90 14/8 to 14/10; Walhallow Estate, Breeza, 123 w 19/9 to 2/10, 302 18/8 to 18/11, 91 16/9 to 17/2; Thos. Nelson, Collarenebri, 353 w 15/3, 1071 13/10 to 13/11, 300 10/2 to 10/10, 23 stags 10/; W. Bull, Moree, 98 w 17/, 134 14/10 to 14/11, 26 14/5; J. A. Campbell, Collarenebri, 622 w 16/ to 17/, 1016 14/1 to 14/3, 208 13/11; Holt Bros., Boggabri, 48 e 10/8; J. Brett, Wyalong, 171 w 16/10, 447 15/4 to 15/9, 184 13/ to 13/1.

LAMBS.

There was not such a large supply of lambs proportionately to the sheep penned as yesterday week. All qualities, however, were in evidence, from medium and light to extra prime—both crossbred and merino. The pennings comprised a large proportion of good quality, with a fair representation of prime and extra prime. Competition was brisk, and values were firmer. Prime lambs and suckers 13/ to 14/6, extra prime 15/6 to 16/6, good lambs and suckers 10/ to 11/6, medium and light suckers and lambs 7/ to 8/6.

Abbott and Martineer.—F. Kops, 42 7/3 to 7/6.

Hill, Clark, and Co.—G. D. Bowen, 38 13/2, 18 10/6; G. Holland, 30 11/6; S. Dempsey, 49 15/7, 39 14/1, 36 12/9, 97 12/6; E. A. and B. Doyle, 131 11/3, 60 10/3 to 10/6.

Badgery Brothers.—M. Boland, 92 13/9; J. F. King, 40 13/8, 50 11/6; M. V. King, 46 12/ to 12/4, 138 13/5 to 13/6.

Weaver and Perry.—T. Beasley, 63 8/3, 28 6/11; G. A. Sevil, 56 13/, 44 12/5, 78 12/3, 35 11/2, 5 9/.

Maiden Bros.—P. Mulcahy, 267 15/4 to 15/8, 273 14/5, 325 14/8 to 15/, 112 12/; T. W. Tyers, 118 15/, 142 14/9, 175 13/6, 26 11/; L. Thompson, 37 14/4, 148 13/11 to 14/2, 20 13/9, 141 12/7, 99 14/; Haynes and Hain, 323 14/2 to 14/3, 109 13/4, 89 12/11; W. M. Maxwell, 294 14/, 45 13/11, 346 12/11, 69 12/, 196 12/8, 140 11/1; estate L. P. Doyle, 48 14/, 30 11/; J. Reed Fry, 20 14/8, 232 13/5, 172 12/4, 75 11/3; trustees late J. Wall, 15 13/, 81 11/2; G. R. Watson, 191 12/5 to 12/9, 57 11/2 to 11/8; M. A. McDowell, 20 9/4; Western agents, 88 8/8; J. Stamm, 22 11/.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd.—Glennie Bros., 250 14/7 to 14/10, 55 12/11; J. M. L. Macdonald, 164 15/3.

William Inglis and Son.—J. L. Tulloch, 24 6/8.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd.—Exors. H. C. White, 115 16/6, 65 15/7; R. T. and F. Williams, 81 13/11 to 14/4, 52 12/4, 32 11/8 to 11/9; Holt Bros., 33 12/4, 19 11/3 to 11/5.

New Zealand Loan and M.A. Co., Ltd.—W. G. Matchett, 21 13/8 to 14/6, 15 12/.

Warden Harry Graves, Ltd.—J. Dwyer, 126 15/4 to 15/6, 27 13/10, 84 12/11.

Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd.—D. E. Hooley, 77 15/10, 10 13/9, 266 13/5, 179 12/9, 89 11/; A. Bowen, 94 15/4, 10 15/1, 55 15/, 39 14/9; J. J. and T. Strickland, 17 14/8, 30 13/9, 138 13/6 to 13/10, 25 13/5, 96 12/8; P. Kilfoyle, 10 14/7, 90 14/4, 105 13/7, 50 12/; 32 12/8; W. H. M'Ilveen, 50 14/ to 14/4, 23 13/10, 45 12/10, 122 11/9 to 12/, 81 11/ to 11/3; F. Holcombe, 53 13/7, 75 13/3, 62 12/9; Northern agents, 18 12/8.

CATTLE.

Out of 1146 cattle balloted for sale 1137 head were yarded from 46 consignors. There was one draft of 100 head of Wave Hills (N.T.), otherwise the consignments came from within this State. There were several lines of prime heavy bullocks and prime medium-weights, with a sprinkling of good to prime light bullocks and steers. Medium and plain descriptions, however, were strongly in evidence. About 300 cows were included in the yardings. There was a sprinkling of prime and occasional yards of extra prime, but medium and light sorts predominated. There was a full attendance of buyers, including operators from Melbourne and other southern centres. As the supply was below the demand competition was exceedingly brisk for all descriptions, and the market generally was 15/ to 20/ per head above last Monday's rates. 12 bullocks from G. M. Hooke (Collarendabri) sold to £18 per head. Quotations:—Yards of prime bullocks, £12/10/ to £13/10/; yards of prime heavy bullocks, £14/10/ to £16, odd extra prime heavy bullocks to £18; yards of prime light bullocks and steers, £10/10/ to £11/10/; yards of good bullocks and steers, £8/10/ to £9/10/; yards of medium and light bullocks and steers, £6 to £7/10/; yards of prime cows, £9 to £10/10/; yards of extra prime cows, £11 to £12/5/; odd beasts to £13/1/; yards of good cows and heifers, £7 to £8; yards of medium, light, and inferior cows and heifers, £4/10/ to £6. Best beef, 34/ to 35/ per 100lb.

Weaver and Perry.—S. J. Lillis, Manilla, 21 bullocks to £9/14/, avg £9/0/2; F. White, Deepwater, 31 cows to £9/16/, avg £8/18/; W. M. Waddell, Singleton, 24 cows to £7/10/, avg £5/11/9; J. W. Luke, Muswellbrook, 21 bullocks to £12, avg £9/17/3; Mrs. Macintyre, Scone, 24 steers to £9/5/, avg £8 15/6, 2 heifers at £8/10/; J. E. Ireland, Muswellbrook, 12 cows to £7/19/, avg £7/15/6; F. S. and H. W. Bell, Muswellbrook, 19 calves to £5/3/, avg £4/12/1.

Maiden Brothers.—P. O'Mullane, Burren, 15 steers to £13/1/, avg £9, 2 cows to £9/14/, avg £9/7/6; Turner, 3 cows to £9/5/, avg £8/15/8.

Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd.—R. H. Duncan, 3 bullocks £12/11/, 4 steers to £9/7/, avg £8/10/9, 3 cows to £11/15/, avg £9/8/4; T. F. and J. Grills, 22 steers to £11/1/, avg £10/6/3; A. Loder, 8 cows to £10/1/, avg £8/5/6, 3 steers at £9/18/; P. Ferguson, 9 heifers to £10, avg £8/14/5.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd.—Peel River L. and M. Co., Ltd., Tamworth, 18 bullocks to £15/13/, avg £14/12/3, 20 cows to £12/5/, avg £11/7/5; exors. H. C. White, Gunnedah, 50 bullocks to £15, avg £14/1/6; Walhallow estate, Breeza, 20 cows to £11/11/, avg £10/16/3; Northern agents, 13 steers to £8/3/, avg £7/0/11; Boydell and Cohen, Moree, 48 cows to £8/6/, avg £7/12/7; W. T. Wesley, Lue, 21 bullocks to £12/15/, avg £9/10/6; Lennon and Donoghue, Delungra, 40 bullocks to £10, avg £9/12/3; J. Donaldson, Delungra, 3 bullocks to £11, avg £9/15/, 17 cows to £7/16/, avg £7/4/10; J. H. Davies, Scone, 21 bullocks to £13, avg £12/9/3; A. L. Davies, 8 bullocks at £10/13/; J. E. Upton, 13 steers to £8, avg £7/14/7.

William Inglis and Son.—P. J. Timbs, Tenterfield, 25 bullocks to £9/18/, avg £9/3/10.

Badgery Brothers.—G. Hudson, 25 steers to £8/12/, avg £8/8/11; Clark Bros., 16 vealers to £5/12/, avg £5/5/5.

Joseph Leeds and Co.—W. F. Buchanan, 101 bullocks to £12, avg £10/2/3.

Hill, Clark, and Co.—G. M. Hooke, Collarendabri, 12 bullocks to £18, avg £15/4/7, 9 steers to £12/14/, avg £9/12/8; Sylvester Browne, Whittingham, 6 bullocks to £11/11/, avg £10/6/, 14 cows and heifers to £10/3/, avg £8/19/7; R. Gall, Moree, 30 steers to £11, avg £10/7/6, 14 heifers to £9/1/, avg £8/3/; A. Coventry, Glencoe, 20 bullocks to £10/15/, avg £10/3/2, 12 cows to £9/6/, avg £8/17/8; W. Crowley, Brewarrina, 16 steers to £9/9/, avg £8/14/5, 5 cows to £8/19/, avg £8/7/9; R. and A. Scott, Narromine, 6 cows to £8/10/, 1 steer £5/9/, 4 heifers to £7/12/, avg £6/11/9; Ramsey Bros. (boat), 15 cows and heifers to £5/18/, avg £4/18/3.

J. C. Young and Co.—Ingall Bros., Willow Tree, 12 bullocks to £12/9/, avg £10/9/6, 10 cows to £10/6/, avg £8/3/6, 19 vealers to £4/18/, avg £3/16/; F. W. Cork, Nowra, 13 bullocks to £8/9/, avg £8/6/4, 9 steers £6/11/.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd.—Mackay Bros., 12 steers to £9/18/, avg £9/15/, 68 cows and heifers to £10/19/, avg £7/16/7; D. Munro, 53 steers to £8/1/, avg £6/5/5, 2 cows £6/10/; A. G. F. Munro, 35 cows to £8/11/, avg £6/17/9; S. Slack-Smith, 5 steers to £10/11/, avg £9/15/9, 3 cows to £12, avg £11/6/, 3 heifers to £8/10/, avg £8/3/4; H. E. Kater and Son, 6 cows to £8/12/, avg £7/12/; A. M. Cadell, 10 bullocks at £11.

HOMEBUSH JULY TOTALS.

The total numbers of sheep (including lambs) and cattle sold through the Homebush market for the month of July now closing are as follow:—

Sheep.	Cattle.
286,282.	11,012.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

COOMA, Thursday.

At the Cooma Volunteer Rifle Club's shootings at the 500 and 600 yards ranges on Saturday the best scores were:—Corporal Duncan 58, Q.M.S. Baillie 56, Private Stroud 51, Private Elliott 47, Private Morrissey 42.

AUCTION SALES TO-DAY.

HOUSES AND LAND.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH.—At the Rooms, at 11.30, Shares, City and Suburban Properties.

FURNITURE AND MERCHANDISE.

J. R. LAWSON and LITTLE.—At the Rooms, at 11, Pianos, Pictures, Furniture, etc; at 12, Diamond, Aviary, Birds, etc.

STRONGMAN, WATSON, and HAWKINS.—At 88 Dowling-street, Redfern, at 11, Piano, Furniture, etc.

MIDDLETON and CO.—At 179 George-street West, at 2, Clothing, Boots, etc.

J. P. LISTER.—At the Rooms, at 11, Jewellery, Silver, E.P. Ware, Clothing, Boots, etc; at 3.30, Jewellery, Sewing Machine, etc.

A. G. JENKINS.—At Rowe-street, at 11, Office Furniture, etc.

A. EDGAR.—At 13 Leichhardt-street, Paddington, at 11, Furniture, etc.

E. H. BRODRIBB.—At the Rooms, at 11, Pianos, Sewing Machines, Furniture, etc.

STATION PRODUCE.

SYDNEY PRODUCE SELLING BROKERS.—At the Wool Exchange, at 10.30, Sheepskins; at 1.30, Hides.

G. H. MOXHAM and CO.—At the Wool Exchange, at 10.30, Sheepskins; at 1.30, Hides.

FARM AND DAIRY PRODUCE.

C. J. TURNER.—At the Rooms, at 1.15, Ducklings, Chicks, etc; at 1.30, Eggs, Poultry, etc.

MOSSMAN and ELLIS.—At their Yards, at 1, Vealers, Porkers, Butter, Cheese, Poultry, Honey, etc.

R. F. MURPHY and CO.—At their Rooms and Yards, at 1, Sucking Pigs, Pork, etc; at 2, Eggs, Butter, Bacon, etc; at 2.30, Poultry.

A. McILLREE and CO.—At their Blacktown Yards, at 11.30, Dairy and Store Cattle.

HORSES, VEHICLES, AND HARNESS.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At their Bazaar, at 10.30, 11, and 12, Horses, Vehicles, and Harness.

J. H. BEALE.—At Camperdown Yards, at 2.30, Horses.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A. BARNETT and PUGH.—At Queen-street, Woollahra, at 11, Building Materials.

J. COWAN.—At Stores Department, Eveleigh, at 11, Electrical Appurtenances, Plates, Bolts, Nuts, etc.

KEEP THE PORES HEALTHY.

The air we breathe is also breathed through the pores into the blood, and is a considerable aid to its healthy condition. The pores throw off the impurities, and in return take in pure air—the more the better—but with many they do not open and close as they should when the skin and system is healthy. This is due to the passages becoming choked by impurities, principally from common toilet soaps and the dust from one's clothing; and with this congested state of the pores skin affections ensue. If you regularly use Zam-Buk Medicinal Soap for the cleansing of the skin no impurities will contaminate it or lodge in the pores, as its medicines are uniquely penetrating, thereby thoroughly cleansing out all foreign matter, and at the same time acts as a powerful germicide for hours after each application. From chemists, stores, and the Zam-Buk Mfg. Co., 39 Pitt-street, Sydney.—Advt.

MEETINGS.

NOTICE.

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the ANIMALS' PROTECTION SOCIETY OF N.S.W. (Incorp.) will be held in the Board-room, Vickery's-chambers, 82 Pitt-street, TO-DAY, FRIDAY, July 31, at 4 o'clock.

F. MONTAGU ROTHERY, Secretary.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the AUSTRALIA HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Registered office of the Company, No. 45 Castlereagh-street, Sydney, on MONDAY, the seventeenth day of August, 1908, at 12.45 p.m.,

(a) To receive the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended June 30, 1908.
(b) To elect the directors, who retire in terms of the Articles of Association, and who are eligible for re-election.
(c) To elect two Auditors, who retire in terms of the Articles of Association, and who are eligible for re-election.
(d) To consider such other business as may be brought forward in accordance with the Articles of Association.

By order,
HARRY J. TANNER, Secretary.

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CALLS AND DIVIDENDS ON SHARES.

THE GORDON BROOK COPPER COMPANY, No Liability.—NOTICE is hereby given that a CALL (the Second) of 1s, has been made upon all Contributing Shares of the above Company, payable to me at the Company's Office, Darby-street, Newcastle, on WEDNESDAY, August 12, 1908. J. T. SEALE, Secretary.

HARDEN CENTRAL GOLD-MINING COMPANY, No Liability.

NOTICE is hereby given that Forfeited Contributing Shares as undernoted will be sold by Public Auction in the Vestibule, Sydney Stock Exchange, Pitt-street, Sydney, by HARDIE and GORMAN, on FRIDAY, 7th August, 1908, at 11 o'clock forenoon, unless Calls and expenses are paid before that date at the Company's Office:—

14001-14050, 15001-15100, 15201-15300, 15961-16005, 17506-17705, 19306-19405, 19406-19505, 19556-19605, 20006-20100, 20206-20255, 20406-20505, 20506-20605, 21376-21400, 24456-24505, 26306-26355, 26901-26910, 28621-28720, 29021-29055, 30251-30300, 30501-30600, 31551-31650.

By order of the Board.
GEORGE HENDERSON, Legal Manager.
Young, 30th July, 1908.

THE BRISEIS TIN MINES, LIMITED.

An Interim DIVIDEND (eleventh) of Sixpence per Share has been declared, payable at the Registered Offices of the Company, 3 Princes-street, London, E.C., and 70 Elizabeth-street, Melbourne, respectively, on FRIDAY, 28th August, 1908. Transfer Books Close from 10th to 17th proximo.

By order of the Board.
T. P. HUSBAND, Melbourne Secretary.
29th July, 1908.

NORTH BROKEN HILL MINING COMPANY. No Liability.

NOTICE is hereby given that a DIVIDEND (the 11th) of 1/ per share has been DECLARED due and PAYABLE on the 12th August, 1908.

Transfer Books will close at the Office of the Company, 352 Collins-street, Melbourne, and London, on the 1st August, 1908, at 12 o'clock noon.

By order of the Board.
HENRY M. FIEDLER, Manager.
352 Collins-street, Melbourne, 1/7/08.

Shareholders are notified that their Dividend will be posted direct.

PHENOMENAL Price-cutting in Boots and Shoes at Joe Gardiner's Great Red Pencil Sale, Oxford-st.

ROSEBERY RACES THIS DAY, FRIDAY. FIRST RACE 2.10 P.M.

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RAILS and FITTINGS, large quantities in stock and to arr., all sizes, T. and Bridge Sections, Trucks, Locos., and Accessories, new and good sec.-hand, for SALE. J. E. TOOLE and CO., 70 Hunter-st. T., 1228.

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NINE-PIECE DINING-ROOM SUITE, Carved Back, etc., £5 5s. Dalwood's, 113 and 115 Bathurst-st.

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CHARMING WALNUT 7-PIECE DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, £12 10s. DALWOOD'S, 113 and 115 Bathurst-street.

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SECONDARY EDUCATION.

BETTER ORGANISATION NECESSARY.

MR. BOARD'S SCHEME OUTLINED.

The secondary education scheme of the Director of Education, Mr. Board, to which reference was made in the "Herald" some weeks ago, is outlined in his annual report, which was laid on the table in the Legislative Assembly last night.

Mr. Board says an endeavour was made during the past year to bring about a better organisation of secondary education within the State by the preparation of a bill for the registration of teachers. This bill was prepared by the Association of Teachers of Secondary Schools, and was laid before the Minister for his consideration. It was referred by him to a committee representative of the Teachers' Association, the University, and the department, but owing to various circumstances, mainly connected with the somewhat unsuccessful working of legislation with a similar purpose elsewhere, no further advance was made. In the light of the experience of other countries, it is doubtful whether any bill that has for its main object the registration of teachers, as distinct from the registration of schools, will either prove to be workable or secure the public benefit, which should be the chief aim of such legislation.

LACK OF CO-ORDINATION.

It has been recognised that while the State system embraces within its operations 80 per cent. of the educational work of the State, and is likely to continue to do so, there will always remain schools of different types, which for one reason or another will exist to satisfy various demands that cannot be met by a State organisation. It has also to be recognised that these schools must be maintained without aid from the State. The essential point is that, while the principle of the legitimate individual liberty of these schools is not infringed, there should be means by which guarantees of their efficiency may be given, and the co-ordination of higher education, which those that are of secondary type represent, may be secured.

At present there is no co-ordination between the various institutions devoted to higher education. The secondary schools, the higher technical schools, and the University stand in no definite relation to one another. It is admitted on the one hand that the University is called upon to do work that should be done by the student during his attendance at the secondary school, while, on the other hand, the secondary schools stand as so many independent units unrelated to one another, and related to the University only by means of the examinations which the University holds.

Any consideration of the secondary schools of the State must take into account the fact that at present the work of these schools is largely determined by external examinations, which practically dominate the school programmes, and produce those results which in all countries are recognised as injurious to the interests of real education. The University demands, for matriculation, an examination which is rigid in its limitations, and imposes upon the higher work of the secondary schools a corresponding restriction of the courses of study. The junior and senior examinations have outlived the period of their greatest usefulness, but their continuance is a necessity till some better tests are instituted in their place. In the absence of any organisation of secondary schools, the external examination, with its prescriptive standard, must retain its influence on the schools. Without organisation, too, there are no means by which the range of secondary school work can be extended to meet University needs, nor any means by which a clearly defined aim may be placed before students whose higher education leads to other than a University career.

VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION.

The question then arises, whether without legislative enactment to give effect to the whole need of the situation, any other course is available that will secure many of the advantages of organisation without restricting the legitimate liberty of non-State institutions, but at the same time maintaining the State policy with regard to public education. Such an alternative appears to be practicable. Voluntary organisation and co-operation undertaken with a full sense of the educational ends to be gained might not only accomplish much, but might accomplish what legislative enactment would fail in securing. Such a voluntary organisation would require the constitution of a council, representative of the various educational interests concerned, the University, the Department of Public Instruction, and the independent secondary schools. A council representative of these three sections might well be expected to exercise such a directing influence on secondary education generally as would bring into a connected and organic whole what are now separate and unco-ordinated parts.

Among the functions which the council might undertake are the following:—To determine conditions of secondary school efficiency, and to register schools complying with those conditions; to bring about the coordination of the curricula of the schools with the requirements of the University, or with the needs of a non-academic career; to place the examination as an educational agency in its right relation to the work of the school; and to establish a standard of qualifications for teachers employed in efficient secondary schools.

THE LEAVING CERTIFICATE.

These are points in which the co-operation of all the educational forces of the State is desirable, and they indicate possibilities well within the reach of a voluntary organisation. In the matter of examinations alone an important reform is awaiting. A substitute for the matriculation and senior examination is needed. The system of accrediting schools by the University has little to commend it. At the same time there is need for a definition of a standard of efficiency for schools which pass their students to the University, and of a standard of attainments which students who have passed through the school course should reach. Such evidence of qualification as is furnished by the leaving certificate in England and Scotland would supply the necessary guarantee of a student's proficiency, as well as a definite aim for the work of the schools.

In order that a leaving certificate should have its legitimate value both for the University and for the public who seek for evidence of attainments, some authority is necessary to determine the sufficiency of courses of study, and the standard of attainments to be reached at the termination of various courses. Such an authority might be found in the council proposed.

Certainly without legislative enactment the council would have to depend upon its own corporate influence to secure its ends, but constituted as is proposed it could scarcely fail to make itself felt in every department of higher education, and to bring about improvements which are often felt to be necessary, but which, through lack of organisation, there are at present no means of effecting.

In the absence of an organisation that will embrace all the higher schools within the State, it should be the object of the department to bring about the application of the aims and objects above stated to the higher schools under its own control.

The institution of a leaving certificate for fully completed secondary courses, and a higher primary certificate for the completion of a two-years' course, would supply a much-needed evidence of definite qualifications as the result of the school course. Evidence of this kind is demanded by both parents and employers, and their demand is perfectly justifiable. It cannot be supplied by examinations which are independent of the school, have no organic connection with the school programme, and are attended by only a few of the school pupils. The leaving certificate would furnish to the parent and employer the needed guarantee, and to the student himself a goal to which he could direct his work if it were gained upon an examination which followed naturally upon courses of study that had been systematically organised, giving evidence not merely of certain attainments, but also—what is of primary importance—of a liberal and well-developed scheme of training for a definite purpose. A certificate of this kind would admit of and provide for that degree of specialisation in the three main directions, professional or academic, commercial and industrial, which is essential if the boy's career at school is to escape the waste of effort that comes from a lack of a clear purpose in his lines of study.

INCENTIVE TO SECONDARY STUDENTS.

At present boys and girls pass from the highest class of the primary school into the higher primary classes of the Superior Public school, but in a very large number of cases their attendance in these higher classes is regarded simply as a means of occupying time until an opening for employment occurs. Under these circumstances their work lacks the stimulus that comes from a specific object for which to strive. A higher primary certificate made available at the end of two-year courses of various types would lead a large majority of pupils to continue at school to complete a two-years' scheme of study, and the work of the higher classes would be saved from the ragged ends that indicate the aimlessness from which it at present suffers.

Similarly, the leaving certificate would be the aim of a four-years' secondary course. These certificates would not represent the result of an examination in any haphazard collection of subjects, but would necessitate the organisation in the schools of different schemes of study leading to a university, a commercial, or an industrial career, and would indicate not only that the scheme of study selected by the student had been satisfactorily mastered, but that the period of time necessary for its thoroughly intelligent treatment had been devoted to it.

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COUNTRY NEWS.

SOUTH. COAST.

BEGA, Thursday.

At the police court to-day John Bowley was charged with breaking and entering the premises of Ernest Samuel Hardaker, bookseller and stationer, and stealing therein one glazier's diamond, on or about March 17 last. Accused was committed for trial.

CLIFTON, Thursday.

The local coal trade for the present week has been very intermittent, and with the exception of Coal Cliff colliery only broken time has been worked. Although the coal trade has been slack there has not been the slightest falling off in the coke trade, and all local works are kept going full-time. The unfavourable weather conditions experienced during the whole of this week have interfered with shipping operations at Coal Cliff colliery, the sea being too rough to permit of vessels being brought alongside the jetty. This fact, however, did not throw the colliery idle, as a large quantity of improvement work being carried out in the mine has provided full-time for the miners. The mine pays full-time for to-morrow's pay, and full-time has also been worked for the current pay.

WOLLONGONG, Thursday.

Mr. W. W. Bailey, of the Commercial Bank, was entertained at a social last night on the eve of his departure for Robertson.

RAILWAY TO CUMNOCK.

WELLINGTON, Thursday.

A conference of delegates from the Cumnock, Obley, Yeoval, Bournewood, Baldry, and Eurimbla progress associations was held at Cumnock, with the object of securing an extension of the railway from Molong to Cumnock. Mr. W. Black occupied the chair, and pointed out that the traffic between Cumnock and Molong justified a line now, but with closer settlement and the Goodrich mine improving, it would soon be a necessity. It was decided that a deputation should wait upon the Minister, and request the construction of the railway, the different associations being represented as follow:—Cumnock, Messrs. S. P. Reynolds and A. M. Martin; Eurimbla, Mr. W. Black; Obley, Mr. Hunt; Bournewood, Mr. A. Morris; Baldry, Mr. Miller; Yeoval, Mr. M'Culloch. The delegates were entertained at dinner by Mr. S. P. Reynolds, president of the Amaroo Shire.

COUNTRY SCHOOLS OF ARTS.

BOWRAL, Thursday.

The report and balance-sheet presented to the annual meeting of the Bowral School of Arts showed that the institution had a most prosperous year. By consolidating the loan and working accounts a saving in interest charges had been effected, and the total indebtedness at the end of the year was £37, as compared with £73 on June 30, 1907. The membership was well sustained, and the billiard table continued to be well patronised, the takings from this source amounting to £88. A new first quality standard table was installed during the year at a cost of £63. The following officers were elected:—President, Dr. A. S. Vallack; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. J. Campbell and R. S. Mackenzie; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. T. Wilson; hon. secretary, Mr. Albert Holmes.

GERMANTON, Thursday.

At the annual meeting of the Germanton School of Arts, on Monday, the balance-sheet showed a debit balance of £225, as against £249 at the commencement of the financial year.

ROBERTSON, Thursday.

The committee of the Robertson School of Arts have elected the following officers:—Mr. R. G. Ferguson, president; Mr. T. E. Bursill, treasurer; and Mr. C. E. King, secretary.

SCONE, Thursday.

At the annual meeting of the School of Arts last night, the Rev. P. Norman in the chair, the report showed a membership of 130. The balance-sheet had a debit balance of £340, being a slight increase caused by placing billiard tables in the hall. They are yielding excellent revenue. The library and reading-room had been well maintained, and a wool class under the Technical College had been formed. Mr. Thomas Cook was elected president, Mr. E. J. Sherwood secretary, and Mr. A. J. H. White treasurer.

WYONG, Thursday.

The annual meeting of members of the School of Arts was held on Wednesday evening. The balance-sheet showed the income for the year was £65, and membership 43. Mr. A. Wilkinson was elected president; vice-presidents, Messrs. A. H. Bailey and E. Woodbury.

THE HOSPITALS.

BOWRAL, Thursday.

The net proceeds of the ball held last week in aid of the funds of the Berrima District Hospital amounted to £38, which establishes a record.

CORAKI, Thursday.

A successful plain and fancy dress ball was held in Woodburn last night in aid of the Coraki Hospital. The sum of £40 was cleared at the ball held recently in Coraki in aid of the Campbell Hospital.

SCONE, Thursday.

Mr. Thomas Cook, of Turanville, is furnishing the main female ward of the local hospital, at a cost of nearly £100. In appreciation of the gift the committee has decided to name the ward Cook ward.

SINGLETON, Thursday.

The recent dances and collections in aid of the funds of the Dangar Cottage Hospital resulted in a return of £91 5s 4d.

MUNICIPAL.

MITTAGONG, Thursday.

An appeal court, presided over by Mr. F. Galbraith, S.M., was held yesterday at Mittagong. There were 131 appeals. The valuators' assessments were reduced in almost every case. The Mittagong Land Company secured a reduction of over £2000 on their properties. There was a total reduction of £4500 approximately, which means 9 per cent. less than the estimated revenue from this source.

CHURCHES.

GRAFTON, Thursday.

The net proceeds of the recent Convent ball totalled £112.

QUARTER SESSIONS.

DUBBO, Thursday.

The Quarter Sessions closed this afternoon. John Frederick Dalmain, charged with embezzling £12, the property of R. W. Hitchen, at Gilgandra, on March 3, was sentenced to 12 months, the sentence to be suspended under the First Offenders Act on finding sureties to be of good behaviour. George Young pleaded guilty to embezzling two sums, one of £20 and one of £7 10s, at various times in 1907. Accused was employed as a postal assistant at Coonamble. In mitigation of sentence it was said that he had made restitution of £20. His salary was in the hands of the department, and all the deficiency was covered by a guarantee fund. His Honor was asked that the provisions of the First Offenders Act be applied to the case. The Judge declined, but made allowance for his being in prison for some months, and sentenced him to 12 months' hard labour in Goulburn gaol. Albert Coulter, for stealing from a dwelling, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment. Francis M'Kay, who pleaded guilty to horse stealing, was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment. Alfred O'Fayelle, who pleaded guilty to stealing wheat (two charges) at Narromine station, was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment. John Nolan and William Lewis, for stealing from the person a watch and chain, the property of William Black, were sentenced to six months' imprisonment each. Henry Fletcher, for stealing money and other property, valued at £60, from Otto Vetter Warren, on February 13, was sentenced to three years in Berrima gaol. Lionel Togar, for receiving, was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment, the six months he is now serving to count part of the sentence. Both had pleaded guilty. John M'Donald, a lad, pleaded guilty to stealing from a shop, and was sentenced to 12 months in Goulburn gaol, the sentence to be suspended under the First Offenders Act. Harry Marshall was acquitted of a charge of assault at Coonamble on May 12 last.

ALBURY, Thursday.

A preliminary sitting of the Albury local option court commenced to-day, Judge Gibson presiding. After hearing the reports of licensing inspectors, the Court decided to call on the licensees of 10 hotels and one wine shop in the licensing district to show cause against the cancellation of their licenses. The Court adjourned till August 11.

BALLINA, Thursday.

The death took place to-day of Mr. George Martin, senior, of Fishery Creek, near Ballina, in his 84th year. Deceased was a colonist of 60 years' standing, and was a pioneer of the sugar industry on the Clarence and Richmond rivers. He erected and worked a sugar mill at Alumny Creek, near Grafton, in 1872, and later erected a mill in 1878 on his estate near Ballina, which he worked continuously up to six years ago.

Owing to heavy weather condition on the coast the steamers Brundah, Burrawong, and St. George are sheltering at Ballina, but expect to clear to-morrow, when the steamers Ramornie and Duranbah are timed to cross in.

The present price of butter, 158s per cwt., is the highest received by the Ballina factory since 1902.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

Fresh licenses were issued to-day to two of the hotels closed under orders of the special licensing court, and which have been reopened under the decision of the Supreme Court.

Frederick Gray, charged with forgery, was committed for trial.

The L.V.R.C. on Silver City Cup day made a profit of between £250 and £300. Had Neophyte won the Trial Stakes yesterday she would have paid £360 to one. She came fourth. Renett, who was only beaten by a short head in the Squatters' Handicap, would have paid over £50 to one.

Yesterday's experience has impressed the majority of the Broken Hill racing folk with the benefits of the totalisator, and any agitation in favour of legalising the machine in New South Wales will have strong support.

A fire last night destroyed a three-roomed cottage in Gaffney-lane, Railway Town, owned by Richard Mayne, and occupied by A. E. Jessop. The house was insured for £100 in the Sun office, and £150 in the Patriotic office, and the furniture for £50 in the Yorkshire office. The policy in the Sun office, however, expired at 4 o'clock.

BATHURST, Thursday.

The annual distribution of prizes and certificates to the successful students at the Bathurst Technical College for the past year was held to-night at the Technical College Hall. The Mayor (Alderman F. B. Kenny) presided. A large number of prizes and certificates were presented.

COOMA, Thursday.

With reference to an application that Berridale and Adaminaby be connected by telephone direct, the Deputy Postmaster-General advises that only the most urgent and important lines of those already approved and waiting for funds can be considered. The line in question, even if approved, would, therefore, have to be deferred. In the circumstances mentioned, the question of erecting the line asked for cannot be considered for the present.

Direct telephone communication has now been established between Yarrangobilly Caves and Tumut, and is working satisfactorily.

CASINO, Thursday.

The annual fire brigade ball was held in the School of Arts Hall last night, and was very well attended.

Yesterday while a cart from Simpson's Sawmill was being backed into position at the new bridge works it slipped, with the result that it fell into the river. Fortunately it was not deep, and men were soon on the scene, and had the horse unharnessed. The cart was lifted out by means of a travelling crane.

CESSNOCK, Thursday.

Pneumonia is prevalent in the district at present. A number of deaths have occurred, and the doctors have numerous patients on their lists.

NARRABRI, Thursday.

The Department of Justice has declined the request of the Woolabra residents to establish a Court of Petty Sessions there.

Sub-Inspector Butler, of Yass, will succeed Sub-Inspector Steele, who is being transferred to that place.

OBERON, Thursday.

Mr. William Sloggett, grazier, of near Oberon, died suddenly at his residence on Monday. The deceased, who was very successful in pastoral pursuits, was 80 years of age, and had been in the Oberon district for a very great number of years, where he was widely known and respected.

SCONE, Thursday.

Mr. W. T. Cameron, B.A., head teacher of the local Public school, was yesterday presented by the Mayor on behalf of the parents with a silver afternoon-tea service and salver on the eve of his removal to Inverell, to which place he has been promoted.

At a public meeting convened by the Mayor it was decided to take steps to lay water on to the Commonwealth memorial fountain, presented to the town by Mr. Thomas Cook. Between £50 and £60 has already been raised.

YASS, Thursday.

When the old Presbyterian Church building was demolished a "Sydney Morning Herald" and "Yass Courier," buried 53 years in the foundation stone, were unearthed. Both were fairly preserved. Several coins were also discovered.

NEWCASTLE.

COAL AND OTHER EXPORTS.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

The following vessels cleared at the Customs-house to-day:—Fifeshire, bq, for Astoria, with 2066 tons coal; Karori, s, for Strahan, via Kembla, with 580 tons coal; James Craig, bq, for Auckland, with 1002 tons coal; Maheno, s, for Wellington, via Sydney, with 2000 tons coal, 30 tons coke, and quantity of timber; Ashridge, s, for Melbourne, with 4500 tons coal; Cycle, s, for Port Pirie and Wallaroo, with 5800 tons coal and 31 cases of meats.

NEWCASTLE GAS COMPANY.

In moving the adoption of the report and balance-sheet at the 54th half-yearly meeting of the Newcastle Gas and Coke Company yesterday the chairman (Mr. W. K. Lockhead) said that the increase in the consumption of gas during the year had been very satisfactory. The rate of increase during the past five years was double that of the preceding five years, and in view of this rapid improvement it had been decided to erect new works on the land recently purchased at Hamilton. The creep was still causing some annoyance and expense, but it was hoped that this would soon disappear. Mr. Lockhead, who was the only retiring director, was re-elected.

SPECIAL LICENSING COURT.

The Special Licensing Court which is dealing with the hotels in the Kahibah electorate sat again to-day, before Judge Fitzhardinge. The decisions in regard to the hotels that are to be closed will be given to-morrow. The Court intends to reduce them by the maximum number possible, which in this electorate is seven.

THE MINERS' RIGHTS.

WHEELERS' STRIKE AT SOUTH BULLI.

WOONONA, Thursday.

In connection with the South Bulli wheelers' strike yesterday, it is alleged that all the defaulting wheelers are to be served with summonses. However, they all appeared to-day, and were hailed with cheers from the miners. It was fully expected that they would maintain their firm attitude of yesterday. Perhaps the unpromising weather conditions damped their ardour, and did not present a too promising condition for a determined stand. It came as a surprise to the miners when they heard of the wheelers resuming work.

Some of the miners, in explaining their attitude in not combining in assisting the wheelers' rights, complain that some of them are scarcely making enough to supply them with the bare necessities of life, and to support the wheelers in their demands would be courting an inevitable and crushing defeat. They had tried strenuously to dissuade the wheelers from their impetuous actions. Whilst maintaining that the principle was right, and that the wheelers were entitled to the full shift, yet, as matters stand, it was better to work on under existing conditions until a more favourable opportunity presented itself, or to seek a more conciliatory measure by arbitration. The matter will receive attention at the next delegate board.

It has been the custom at the South Bulli and Bellambi collieries to allow the miners to carry home a piece or a bag of coal after their day's work was done. In addition, they were also allowed the privilege of getting their coal at 7s per ton, exclusive of carriage. To-day they saw posted up on the mine notice-boards that in future a charge of 7½d per week would be imposed upon anyone carrying coal home from the mine, and an additional 1s 6d per ton for coal purchased by the miner. This exaction has exasperated the miners to an alarming degree. They maintain that it is a gross injustice, as their northern brothers in the Newcastle fields receive their coal free, and they are determined upon, if not securing the same enviable lot, keeping things as they were before.

HEAVY WEATHER.

GALES AND ROUGH SEAS.

The wind freshened considerably from the southward yesterday, and mean hourly velocities ranging from 18 to 25 miles were registered at the Observatory. During a severe gust at 4.24 p.m. from the south-west a rate of 36.7 miles an hour was recorded.

After a brief spell of fine weather showery conditions again set in yesterday afternoon, the quantity registered up to 9 p.m. being 16 points. Heavy falls of rain, however, occurred after that hour, and unsettled weather still ruled at midnight.

At 8 p.m. cloudy to showery conditions obtained generally along the coast, the wind ranging in force from a fresh breeze to a whole gale at Jervis Bay from the south. Rough seas were running at Crookhaven Heads, Ulladulla, Bateman's Bay, Moruya, and Green Cape.

Our South Head correspondent reported at midnight that a southerly gale was raging with frequent squalls of great severity, and that heavy seas were running at the Heads. The steamer Coomonderry, which left Sydney for the southern ports, and a collier, returned to port for shelter, and cast anchor in Watson's Bay.

CLIFTON.—Boisterous weather has again set in, with a bitterly cold south to south-west gale, accompanied by blinding rain squalls. A heavy sea is also running.

MOUNT VICTORIA.—A little snow fell at noon on Thursday. Only 75 points of rain has fallen since Monday.

WINDSOR.—Splendid rains have fallen throughout the district. In Windsor 151 points were recorded on Tuesday morning, 58 on Wednesday morning, and 11 on Tuesday morning, making a total of 220 points altogether. A few parts of the district had less than this, but most parts more. There was very little cultivation, owing to the dry spell, and the whole district was backward; but the outlook is now entirely changed.

WOLLONGONG.—Up to 9 a.m. on Thursday 147 points had been registered at the local post-office. It was still showery at 7 p.m.

SPORTING.

THE TURF.

The Rosebery Racing Club holds its postponed pony and galloway meeting this afternoon, when the customary tram service will be available, and the first race is timed for 2.10.

The recent extraordinary rainstorm was exceptionally severe at Randwick, and in consequence the A.J.C. acquired gratis much "unearned increment," which was washed on to the heath from Randwick hill. The training tracks, of course, suffered, and the club's staff was kept busy throughout the visitation. The cinder track was got ready for trainers yesterday, and all the regulars used it for pacing work, but there were no attempts at fast work against the watch.

The scratchings recorded yesterday in connection with the Rosehill August meeting were Hope Royal and Rose of Lancaster out of the Trial Stakes; Proprietor out of the Highweight Handicap; Mentmore out of the Rosehill Handicap; King Berry out of the Rydalmere Mile; and Niram out of the Hurdle Race.

The following race meetings have been granted registration by the A.J.C.:—Armidale Turf Club (October 1) and Gundagai Licensed Victuallers (October 14 and 15).

The N.S.W. Trotting Club holds a meeting at Epping to-morrow, and the card for the afternoon's sport is an attractive one. A number of good performers are engaged, and the customary transit service will be provided.

The drainage system at the Victoria Park racecourse was thoroughly tested during the late heavy rainfall, with the result that the tracks have been uninjured, and trainers have been able to work their charges right through the inclement weather.

The horses in training at Randwick for the spring campaign total 253, and that number will probably be increased with the opening of the season next week. T. Payten has the most numerous team of 22, and which includes Peru, Lord Fitzroy, Melodrama, Adriatic, Black Mark, Saki, Scotch Airs, Vavasor, Banquo, Kings Cross, and Portugal. I. Earnshaw follows with 21, amongst whom are Poseidon and his three-year-old brother Orcus, Emita, Arlington, Waipuna, Heiro, Sir Aymer (imp.), Parsee, Azurine, and Hermes. T. F. Scully has 20 in work, and his lot includes Skoperra, Sentiment, Mogadore, Host, Rock-light, Royal Blue, Mustang, and Wallace Queen. J. Burton has 17 in active service, including Achillican, Fille Fogi, King Berry, Grey Plume, Pantheon, and Gidyea. F. M'Grath's team of 16 comprises Antonina, Martagon Crosse, Loch Merv, Kyadgerie, and Cahudrinna. W. Chaafe's string of 11 includes Nicetus, Margo, Warsprite, and Uncas. Among P. Nolan's team of a like number are Frederick, Settlement. Also, and several youngsters; and P. J. Gough's lot is also one short of a dozen, among whom are Sattamba, Kohala, Eclair, and Marietthusa. H. Rayner has nine in work, among whom are Mooltan, Epois, Empericol, and Queen's Medallist. G. Gallimore has eight in active work, including Yosemite, Barrel, Blue Hook, Primrose League, and several rising two year olds. J. C. Finn's eight include Belfry, Probus, Shimose, Welcome Trist, and Hope Royal. J. Allsop's team of 10 comprises Rouvray, Malt Rose, Woolloomooloo, and Perkoe. T. Lamond's team of eight includes Florance, Coppertop, Contango, Latitude, Loreley, and Mentmore; while among the others in training at headquarters are Set Free, Matchmaker, Glenolly, Fascinator, Blue Streak, Resource, Rose Linnet, H.C., Merry Days, Victoria Cross, Silk Stockings, Grafton Queen, Rosebush, Virtu, Duke of Clarence, Maisterdelle, Barley Brew, Dowdingstown, Duma, Lord Merton, Zenda, Ale, Maranui, Ariki, Chamade, Karanaud, Proceed, To-and-Fro, Isos, Lorgnette, Sweet Home, Coomealla, Gerah, Arezzo, Blue Book, Peter Pan, Lunar Light, High Lady, Modiste, Rawson, Westmead, Match Girl, Oboe, Mordialloc, Duke of Lancaster, Malteur, Thelma Dashwood, and Soultline.

Carlton, who won the "two cups" at Broken Hill, was bred at the Richmond Park stud (S.A.), by Mr. J. H. Aldridge, and is by Carlyon—son of Chester—from Brown Alice, by Maribyrnong, from Fair Alice (imp.), by Bel Demonio, and is full brother to Gunga Din and Wonderland. Carlton, who was purchased as a yearling by his present owner for 140 guineas, was not raced as a two-year-old, but during the current season he has well repaid the outlay and other expenses, for, after winning a welter handicap at Gawler, he secured S. A. Tattersall's Handicap, to which in the meantime he has added the two cups at Broken Hill. Glenlyon, who ran second in the Broken Hill Cup yesterday, is also a three-year-old colt, by Carlyon from Nemesis, by Newminster.

The death of the thoroughbred stallion Wellesley in his 24th year is reported from Rutherglen (Vic.). Wellesley, who was first known as Jack the Giant Killer, was bred by Messrs. C. and A. Finlay, Victoria, and was by Wellington from Canace, by Tom King from Penseroso (imp.), by Daniel O'Rourke. He was owned for a number of years by Messrs. Hamilton Bros., of Finley, in the Riverina district, who sold him a few years ago for £100. He sired a few winners, but nothing of any note.

In view of the race meeting to be held next month, the Coraki Jockey Club has carried out improvements on the course as required by the Gaming Act, and has elected the following officials:—Judge, Mr. W. Yabsley; clerk of scales, Mr. J. McAughey; clerk of course, Mr. A. W. Davidson; starter, Mr. John Bugden; stipendiary stewards, Messrs. Smith, Fernandez and Merton; starters' steward, Mr. C. Yabsley; and handicapper, Mr. J. Newman.

VICTORIAN SCRATCHINGS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The following scratchings have been reported in connection with the V.A.T.C. Steeplechase meeting:—

Wilgah Steeplechasers' Flat Race: Shadbolt. Australian Steeplechase: Sovereign. Oma Plate: Master Foote. St. Aubin Welter: Master Foote. Moondah Plate: Master Foote. Mornington Welter: Master Foote.

AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB.

COMMITTEE MEETING.

The monthly meeting of the A.J.C. committee was held yesterday. Mr. R. D. Barry was allowed to correct the entry of Moll Doyle on payment of £1. It was decided in future to issue tickets to holders of No. 2 trainers' licenses. Hitherto the practice was not to furnish tickets to members of that division unless they had horses engaged at the meeting. Complaints have been made with regard to the difficulty in distinguishing colours at suburban meetings, owing to similarity of tins, and it was decided that the rule should be rigidly enforced.

Captain Hodgkinson, of the 13th Hussars, sent a communication from Deccan, India, requesting the removal of the life disqualification imposed on the racehorse De Wet for ringing in. Captain Hodgkinson had purchased De Wet for £100, but the committee regretted that his request could not be granted.

It was decided to place a 9in plank between the training and tan tracks at Randwick, so as to prevent the tan from floating on the other rink in times of heavy rainfall.

With the view of preventing the overcrowding of the luncheon rooms at Randwick in future the lessee will only be allowed to sell tickets up to the seating accommodation, after which the issue must be regulated to the vacancies. It was also resolved to improve the tea-rooms in the grand stand reserve by removing the partitions and other obstructions, and to regulate the admission of paying visitors to the official stand by restricting the sale of tickets to 350. With seating accommodation for 884 persons, irrespective of 33 seats reserved for the press and officials, there will then be ample room for the members.

The report of the sub-committee relative to the appointment of a stipendiary steward to attend country race meetings was adopted.

The right to print, publish, and distribute race books, and the right of printing all matter required by the club for two years, was let to Mr. John Sands; the right to sell refreshments in the St. Leger reserve and on the flat was let to A. Meadham; and the right to collect entrance fees at all gates other than the tramway entrances was let to Mr. H. J. Solomon.

It was resolved that registration, as provided in the rules, for horses entered in other States and colonies for races in New South Wales be dispensed with from August 1, 1908, to July 31, 1909.

At the request of the stewards of the Tambar Amateur Picnic Race Club, the disqualification of D.Y. (late Taffy) was removed.

W. P. Coleman and M. Ryan were granted sums of £5 and £10 respectively from the distressed jockeys' fund.

The consideration of the appeal of T. Martin against the decision of the Bowraville Jockey Club in the Battalion—Freda case was deferred.

WALLSEND RACES.

The following entries have been received for the Wallsend races, to be held on Wednesday, August 5:—

Shorts Handicap, 6f.—Send Off, Brightie, Wee Willie, Argea, Winsome, Zelle, Legation, Miss Charge, Lo'mette, Musician, E.K.W., Morella.

Borough Handicap, 6f.—Wallassey, Sweet Home, Veronite, Stanlus, Miss Lena, Irving, Mirre, Nuncio, Antelope, Lady Haydon, Rockfall.

Welter Handicap, 7f.—Brightie, Beam, Kapoi, Red Jason, Lord Hope, Lady Fucile, Tinagroo, Samurai, Brackenberg, Point Piper, Minx, Sea Shore, Electrum, Arch, High Rock.

Novice Handicap, 6f.—Mountain Queen, Sun Gem, Mocli, Wallassey, Murcia, Argea, Duke of Lancaster, All Blue, Jethro, Sweet Home, Similar, Veronite, Hill Sea, Engeerria, Fitz, Merv, Akambo, Mirre.

Town Plate Handicap, 1¼m.—Treat, Barrenjoey, Wee Willie, Svalin, Zelle, Conductor, Dantzic, The Imp, Mordialloc, Ennismar, Chatter, Simniloquist, Sea Hawk.

Final Handicap, 1m.—Barrenjoey, Beam, Treat, Wee Willie, Kapoi, Red Jason, Dantzic, The Imp, Lord Hope, Samarai, Ennismar, Brackenberg, Point Piper, E.K.W., Blue Foam, Bimlijar, Morella, Sea Hawk.

GOLF.

CONCORD v DOBROYDE.

Associates' Match.

Played yesterday at Concord, and won by the home team.

Concord.			Dobroye.	
Miss Thompson	0	v	Miss Cox	6
Mrs. Martin	sq.	v	Mrs. J. W. Pawn	sq.
Mrs. Mackenzie	3	v	Mrs. P. M. Wood	0
Miss Keep	6	v	Mrs. T. C. Allen	0
Miss Moore	0	v	Mrs. Mortimer	2
Miss Hope	4	v	Mrs. M'Donell	0
Total	13		Total	8

CONCORD G.C.

The final round for union silver medal was played. Results:—

Mrs. Pring	91—3=88
Miss Keep	107—17=90
Miss M. Martin	96—1=95
Miss Moore	118—13=105

MANLY v AUSTRALIAN G.C., B.

Associates' Match.

(B Grade.)

Manly G.C.	M.	H.		Australian G.C.	M.	H.
Miss Duret	0	0	v	Miss Hill	1	1
Miss Maitland	1	2	v	Miss Marks	0	0
Miss Jenkins	1	3	v	Mrs. Marshall	0	0
Mrs. Allerton	1	4	v	Mrs. Hill	0	0
Miss Bowden	½	0	v	Miss Tucker	½	0
Miss Williams	0	0	v	Miss Metcalfe	1	6
Total	3½	9		Total	2½	7

ROYAL SYDNEY G.C.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.

ROSE BAY CUP.

The first round of the Rose Bay Cup was played yesterday. The condition of the course, owing to the recent heavy rains, was unfavourable to good golf. The result of the first round is:—

Miss Bell	96
Miss Parbury	101
Miss Cane	108
Mrs. Thiel	108
Miss Douglas	113
Miss Gibson	126

The draw for to-day is:—Miss Bell v Miss Gibson, Miss Cape v Miss Parbury, Miss Douglas v Mrs. Thiel.

THE NEW RULES.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

The rules of golf have been revised by the Rules of Golf Committee for submission to an extraordinary general meeting of the Royal and Ancient Club, to be held on August 31 next. As revised (says the English "Sportsman") the rules extend to slightly greater length than the old ones, and first impressions of them are that they not only make for simpler interpretation, but they also insist on a stricter recognition. The penalty of the loss of the hole is now applied in several instances where it was missing before. Thus infringements on the putting greens will meet with this penalty. Formerly it has been permissible to remove dung, wormcasts, snow, and ice with the hand. This practice has been more or less abused, which accounts for the new ruling that only the club shall be used in removing these impediments. It is proposed that "dung, wormcasts, snow, and ice may be scraped aside with a club, but the club must not be laid with more than its own weight upon the ground, nor must anything be pressed down, either with the club or in any other way."

The old rule as to out of bounds has frequently been the subject of discussion. In future a man having driven out of bounds from the tee will be able to tee his ball instead of merely dropping it. The new rule reads: "If a player play his ball on to ground which is out of bounds, he shall be penalised one stroke, and he shall play his next stroke as nearly as possible at the spot from which the ball was played out of bounds. If the ball has been played out of bounds from a teeing ground the player may tee a ball for his next stroke; in every other case the ball shall be dropped."

While on the subject of play from the tee attention may be drawn to the alteration noted in the special rules for stroke competitions. Rule 7 reads: "If at any hole a competitor play his first stroke from outside the limits of the teeing ground he shall count that stroke, tee a ball, and place his second stroke from within the limits. The penalty for a breach of this rule shall be disqualification."

It is proposed that when a ball has to be dropped the drop shall be made over the shoulder, and not over the head as at present. Rule 3 of the special rules for match play competitions enjoins that "Competitors shall not agree to exclude the operation of any rule or local rule with or under penalty of disqualification." The object of the committee is obviously to discourage a growing tendency towards banishing the stymie by private arrangement between the players.

The Rules of Golf Committee further recommends that players should not concede putts to their opponents. Under the heading of "Etiquette of Golf" it is stated: (1) "No one should stand immediately behind the ball, move, or talk when a player is making a stroke. On the putting green no one should stand beyond the hole in the line of player's stroke. (2) The player who has the honour should be allowed to play before his opponent tees his ball." The fourth clause reads: "Players who have holed out should not try their putts over again when other players are following them."

It is interesting to note, in reference to the form and make of golf clubs, that the Rules of Golf Committee intimates "That it will not sanction any substantial departure from the traditional and accepted form and make of golf clubs, which in its opinion consist of a plain shaft and a head which contains no mechanical contrivance such as springs."

In regard to the rules generally, the committee has made the following recommendations for local rules:—"When necessary, local rules should be made for such obstructions as trees, hedges, fixed seats, fences, gates, railways, and walls, for such difficulties as rabbits' scrapes, hoof marks, and other damage caused to the course by animals, and for such local conditions as the existence of mud, which may be held to interfere with the proper playing of the game. When a ball is lifted under a local rule the Rules of Golf Committee recommends that if it is to be played from through the green it should be dropped, and if it is to be played on the putting green of the hole which is being played to it should be placed."

BASEBALL.

MELBOURNE v UNIVERSITY.

This match, postponed from Monday, was played at Waverley yesterday afternoon, and was won by the Melbourne Cricket Club team by 18 to 1. Eight innings were played in showery weather.

FOOTBALL.

RUGBY UNION.

The teams to represent the Customs clerks against Customs-house on Monday at the Sports Grounds, 2 p.m., are:—C. Hill (P. and O. Co.), Allpress (J. B. Tickle), Davies (D. Jones, Ltd.), Farr (Fraser, T. and R.), Thomas (H. Creighton), Kirke (Farmer and Co.), D'Alpuget (Vacuum Oil), Croft (Cridland and Co.), Briscoe (Union S.S. Co.), Peate (Buzacott and Co.), Williams (Cridland and Co.), Marshall (P. and O.), Calander (F. Adams), Gaden, Dunlop (K. J. Dunlop).

UNION TEAM FOR ENGLAND.

THE YOUNG BLOOD.

It is evident that the selectors, Messrs. J. F. Macmanamey, J. M'Mahon, and J. C. O'Donnell, in picking the team for England, have endeavoured to blend together two important points, the representation of Australia in England and the future of the game in Australia.

Every man in the team is keen in the extreme on football, and some are colts whose form has been quite sufficient in trial games to show the selectors that they are improving, and that by the time the tour is ended they will have learnt a lot, which should be of value in raising the standard of Australian Rugby. The team is splendidly balanced in mature and young blood. The men are of splendid physique, capable of seeing out a heavy tour, and of keeping themselves in condition. There is not a man in the whole twenty-eight (Caniffe, the Queenslander, is unavailable) who has not exhibited an improvement in his form since the season began.

It would be absurd to say that the team could not have been improved upon. No Australian combination would be complete without those capital forwards the brothers James and John Hughes and Bullock, and that other 'Varsity crack, the man behind the scrum, Matthews, who is this year playing better than ever. The absence of the four mentioned is a big loss. They are unavailable. If the team were going next instead of this year they would be numbered, no doubt, with the elect.

There are twenty-four New South Welshmen and four Queenslanders in the team as it now stands. At the beginning of the season it did not look as though the Northern State would have had so many representatives; still the selectors who went to Brisbane for the interstate matches saw quite sufficient to cause them to look with a favourable eye upon their subsequent appearances. The exclusion of Booth for Carmichael was probably due to the desire to make the team Australian from beginning to end. Booth is an ex-New Zealander, and was one of the original "All Blacks" in the British tour. As for the other full-back, we have not seen anyone either in New Zealand teams or in the British to cast much of a shade upon Sturdy Dix, the "New Englander."

Close followers of football must have been struck with the development of trickiness amongst N.S.W. back division men. Especially is this noticeable in Hickey, Daly, M'Cabe, Carroll, Bede Smith, and Parkinson, all of whom might at any time perform a feat to paralyse opponents. Russell is more of the solid rather than the brilliant type of three-quarter. M'Kivatt and Wood are old players. The other two backs, Prentice and Stevenson, are colts. The former is a strong individual player, a tendency which has been developed through playing with the weak Western Suburbs club. He was in the second grade team which visited Northern Rivers in 1904, then making a capital five-eighth, and in the N.S.W. team in Western Australia last year. He is a good kick, tricky, and strong in making openings. Stevenson made a big impression last year in the final competition match at Newcastle. It was then seen that he had the makings of a capital five-eighth. He is rather on the tall side for a scrum half. He is a good punter, handles the ball as well as anyone in the team, is a good dodgy runner, and feints cleverly. He has not yet played for the State, his best engagement being with the second combined country team.

Two of the young players are M'Cabe and Carroll. The former was in the New South Wales team in Western Australia last year, and represented New South Wales at Brisbane a few weeks ago, where he acquitted himself well. He is very tricky, good side-stepper, after the Percy Bush style, though he has not yet acquired the Welshman's drop-kicking skill. He will be a useful man throughout the tour, for he can play in any position between the forwards and full back.

Carroll, the sole representative of St. George, is in his first season of representative football. He is a wing three-quarter, a good side-stepper, very quick off the mark, a heady and strong runner, dangerous when close to the line, and a hard man to stop.

The forwards who are unknown to representative football are M'Arthur, M'Murtrie, and Hammond. M'Arthur captained Eastern Suburbs in 1906, and is now vice-captain. He is a front-row forward, and has shown consistent form for some years. He is a bit on the short side, but is thickset. He has performed as a long-distance runner, and is always in good condition. This is M'Murtrie's first season in Rugby football, and he has shown remarkable form, and is improving every day. He is a good wrestler, and competed in the amateur tournament. He is a second-rank forward, about 5ft 10in, and tips the beam between 12st and 13st. Hammond is the lock of the University front row. He showed some fine play against the New Zealand University, follows up well, good tackler, and not afraid to ruck in.

The forwards are an excellent lot of fairly heavy grafters, good in the scrum, clever at dribbling, and they are well supported by big backs in Parkinson, Bede Smith, Mandible, and Russell. Word was received from Caniffe yesterday that he was unable to make the trip, and the selectors are again wearing the considering cap. No conclusion had up to last night been arrived at in the filling of the vacancy. Eagar and Clarken's names are mentioned in connection with the position.

METROPOLITAN UNION.

Semi-finals.

The semi-finals will be played to-morrow. In view of the interest being taken therein the following probable teams are published:—

University.—Full-back, Verge; three-quarters, Roe, Luddy, Lane, Barker; halves, J. Rorke, Matthews; forwards, Bullock, Jno. Hughes, Jas. Hughes, S. Rorke, Reynolds, Fitzhardinge, Hammond, M'Keown.

Glebe.—Full-back, M'Carthy; three-quarters, Roy Norman, Eyles, Hickey, Lindsay; halves, M'Kivatt, Wood; forwards, Clarken, Griffen, Johnston, Middleton, Eagar, Fraser, Griffiths, Moran.

Newtown.—Full-back, Fitzgerald; three-quarters, Luscombe, Bell, Booth, Russell; halves, V. Farnsworth, Hayes; forwards, Gilroy, Prowse, Baker, Ritchie, M'Cue, Wood, Barnett, Slater.

South Sydney.—Full-back, Brown; three-quarters, Burleigh, A. Hucker, Buckham, E. T. Hucker; halves, Maidment, Goddard; forwards, Elvy, Cooper, Spence, A. B. Burge, Lynch, O'Donnell, M'Carthy, Freebairn.

RUGBY LEAGUE.

MAORIS v AUSTRALIA.

The Maori team for this match on Saturday are:—

Full-back.—Riki Papakura.

Three-quarters.—H. Tuki, H. Pakere, A. Asher, K. Pouwhuihui.

Halves.—N. Rabete, R. Haira.

Forwards.—P. Pakere, A. Haira, H. Rota, H. Halana, H. Pihaira, N. Heretaunga.

Reserves.—P. Ratete, Ihariarawa.

Mr. G. Seabrook will be referee.

AUSTRALIAN RULES.

NEW SOUTH WALES TEAM FOR MELBOURNE.

The team to visit Melbourne for the Commonwealth and New Zealand carnival has been completed, with the exception of two men. Twenty-four will make the trip. The team so far are:—

Sydney players (13):—G. Thomas, Maxfield, M'Conechy, R. Robertson, T. Vannam, C. Murray, J. Delaney, H. Welsh, A. Dartnell, J. O'Leary, C. Shipton, F. Carrick.

Broken Hill (8):—Renfrey, Scott, Millhouse, Meadows, Hunter, Conlon, Gluzas, Rahily.

Wagga (2):—J. Greer and W. Hanes.

BEGA, Thursday.

Cooma Rovers football team on tour played Bemboka at Bemboka on Monday, and were victorious by six points to nil. Yesterday they met and were defeated by Bega on the Bega Show Ground by six points to three. Howard and Zingel scored tries for Bega, and Pooley scored a try for the Rovers. Cooma is the premier club of Monaro, and, till yesterday, held an undefeated record for the past three seasons.

Cooma Rovers defeated Bega Rovers on the Show Grounds this afternoon by 17 points to nil.

FOOTBALL REFEREES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Noticing the list of the names of referees submitted to the English football team on arrival, I feel surprised to see the omission of the name of Mr. A. Bolton on the list. Amongst the names submitted there are three referees who have not refereed a competition match during seasons 1907-1908. Also two of the other submitted have only refereed about five first grade matches this season. I ask is this fair to referees who referee Saturday after Saturday, notably, Bolton, who always makes a game fast, and who has controlled some of the best games this year, viz., Newtown v Glebe on the S.C. Ground, and South Sydney v Newtown on S. C. Ground. If he is fit to be appointed to such games as these, I think he is quite capable of handling an intercolonial game. So let us hope to see fair play given before the English team arrives, and the N.S.W. Rugby Union add to their list the name of Mr. Bolton, who is equal to any of the men submitted. I am, etc.,

FAIR PLAY.

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CRICKET.

PETERSHAM DISTRICT C.C.

At the annual meeting of the Petersham District Cricket Club the following officers were elected:—Patron, Mr. J. J. Cohen, M.L.A.; president, Ald. P. G. Hordern (Mayor of Petersham); vice-presidents, aldermen of Petersham, Mayor and aldermen of Marrickville, Mr. Sydney Smith, Colonel Longfield, Messrs. W. H. Mahoney, M.L.A., H. W. W. M'Coy, M.L.A., W. B. Asprey, D. Clifford, J. C. Davis, W. Law, W. J. Loudon, G. H. M'Donald, E. A. Newton, P. Payten, J. Rickard, J. Searle, G. Short, and G. A. Wrigley; hon. secretary, Mr. Sydney Smith, jun.; hon. treasurer, Mr. E. A. Tyler; delegates N.S.W. Cricket Association, Messrs. S. Smith, jun., and E. A. Tyler; delegates City and Suburban Cricket Association, Messrs. T. H. Barr and S. Smith, jun.; delegates Wednesday Cricket Association, Messrs. W. Hartigan and S. Smith, jun.; general committee, Messrs. T. H. Barr, H. Collis, W. Jesson, S. Leahy, C. Martin, R. Oram, W. H. Pratt, A. Rough, E. H. Storey; selection committees, I. team, Messrs. G. Harvey, E. H. Storey, and E. A. Tyler; II. team, Messrs. H. Collis, A. W. Norris, and H. W. Turner; III. team, Messrs. T. H. Barr, R. A. Keogh, and W. M'Evoy; veteran team, Messrs. A. F. Hunt, G. Martin and W. Yates; Wednesday team, Messrs. W. Hartigan, A. H. Johnston, and A. C. Rofe.

GLEBE DISTRICT CLUB.

At the annual meeting of the Glebe District Club, presided over by Mr. J. A. Hogue, the following officers were elected for the coming season:—Patron, the Mayor of the Glebe; president, Mr. J. A. Hogue, M.L.A.; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. C. Abrams, Wm. Bardsley, W. G. Bulfin, F. Buckle, sen., J. C. Davis, N. I. Blue, Alderman L. L. Earl, Mr. J. S. Grace, Dr. Sydney Jones, jun., Messrs. F. Kurtz, J. Shearer, Alderman T. Law, Messrs. C. H. West, J. Wallace, H. L. Woolacott; general committee, Messrs. Warren Bardsley, S. C. Fraser, B. Grounds, C. M'Carthy, and H. S. Newell; delegates to the New South Wales Cricket Association, Messrs. T. Duggan and A. Buckle; general hon. secretary, Mr. C. Goodall; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. Buckle; hon. secretary to "B" team, Mr. C. M'Carthy; hon. secretary to "C" team, Mr. S. C. Fraser; hon. auditors, Messrs. S. Newell and C. Kelleway.

MOORE PARK C.A.

The report submitted at the annual meeting of the above showed the association's financial position to be strong, and that last season was the most successful yet held. The premier team, James Ward, received gold medals and the Alf. Pick cup, while the runners up, Enoch Taylor and Company, also received gold medals. Mr. James Vaughan's trophy for best bowling average went to Mr. H. Jackson, jun., of Chippendale C.C., while Messrs. Harris, City Council, and L. Fenton, Ultimo Royal Oak, won bats donated by Mr. Victor Trumper. Two grades, A and B, will be formed for next season, the winners of each to receive gold medals. The following officers were elected:—Patron, Major J. C. Waine; president, Mr. J. H. Taylor; vice-presidents, Aldermen J. Lawrence and James Ward, Messrs. Alf. Pick, E. J. Briscoe, George Baker, G. King, James Vaughan, W. L. Arthur, L. Harvey, P. Ward, P. Cameron, John Ward, P. Fagan, H. Wessel, Victor Trumper, F. J. Ironside, W. H. Williams, J. J. Giltinan, J. Walsh; hon. secretary, Mr. A. S. Ivory; hon. treasurer, Mr. H. Knight, J.P. (ninth season); hon. auditors, Messrs. P. Smith and S. Munday. The competitions will start on September 19, and entries close on September 1.

PADDINGTON DISTRICT C.C.

At the fifteenth annual meeting of the above club, held in Paddington Town Hall, Senator Colonel Hon. J. C. Neild in the chair, the following office-bearers were elected:—Patron, Senator Colonel J. C. Neild; president, Mr. C. W. Oakes, M.L.A.; vice-presidents, Sir M. H. Stephen, Messrs. W. H. Kelly, M.P., David Storey, M.L.A., Dr. M. O'Gorman Hughes, Dr. Hedley Terry, Messrs. L. Thompson, D. Stewart, Charles Trumper, J. Latimer, H. Shipp, John White, Alexander Ferguson, F. Wadsworth, Captain W. Ellis, and Rev. P. B. Lawler; hon. treasurer, Mr. R. Carty; hon. secretary, Mr. R. R. Stewart; delegates to N.S.W. Cricket Association, Messrs. M. A. Noble and R. R. Stewart; match secretaries, first eleven, Mr. H. L. Collins, second eleven, Mr. G. L. Sayle, third eleven, Mr. R. Collins; captain, Mr. M. A. Noble; general committee, Messrs. C. W. Simmonds, V. Trumper, J. T. Pope, S. M'Cloy, G. L. Garnsey, A. H. Gibbs, W. J. Johnston, W. R. Iredale, T. H. Boswerd, and H. B. Falconer. Selection committee: First eleven, Messrs. M. A. Noble, R. Carty, V. Trumper; second eleven, Messrs. H. B. Falconer, G. L. Sayle, T. H. Boswerd; third eleven, Messrs. J. T. Pope, R. R. Stewart, W. Johnston.

CYCLING AND MOTORING.

PARRAMATTA BICYCLE CLUB.

The Parramatta Bicycle Club has practically decided to enter a team for the interclub premiership on September 5 and 12. The club will hold a road race on August 29. The run for Saturday will be to Gladesville to witness the sculling match between Arnst and Pearce.

LEAGUE NOTES.

Sanction has been granted to the Lithgow Club to hold an open road race from Bathurst to Lithgow on August 29.

A well-known South African rider, in W. Hollis, has accepted for the Bathurst-Sydney road race. With 20 minutes' start he should be able to give a good account of himself.

A match race between S. N. Hills and S. Goodson is likely to take place at an early date. The league has granted sanction conditionally on Goodson becoming a member of the governing body.

CYCLISTS AND THEIR TYRES.

Experience in road races of both England and France this year has brought home the fact that many contestants sacrificed their chance of success by riding tyres of such thinness on the tread that punctures put them out of action. The tendency has also been noticed amongst our own road cracks. Occasionally a lucky rider gets through a long distance race, but his chance of puncturing is certainly not worth the risk. This year the Dunlop Co., recognising the absurd rush for thin treads, have placed on the market a cover, the moulded tread of which is composed of rubber, fully an eighth of an inch thick on the running portion of tread. The resiliency and speed of the cover are said to be retained by keeping the walls of the cover light. A section of the new cover can be inspected at any of the Dunlop depots, or the premises of any of the local agents.

RELIABILITY MOTOR TOUR.

PROPOSAL BY AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF VICTORIA.

The Automobile Club of Victoria will probably write to the Automobile Club of New South Wales to join forces in conducting a reliability motor run through the picturesque southern portion of New South Wales about December. The proposition will probably be framed somewhat on the following lines:—New South Wales motorists to start from Sydney on a Monday and journey to Goulburn (134 miles); Victorian motorists from Albury and run to Tumut (127 miles); on Tuesday the N.S.W. contingent to run to Cooma (190 miles), the Victorian party to the same rendezvous, via Yarrangobilly Caves (two hours to be allowed for inspection) and Kiandra, making 115 miles for the day; both parties to then join forces and journey to Mt. Kosciusko. After luncheon at the Hospice on Wednesday the afternoon to be spent in sight-seeing, returning to the Hospice for the night. Thursday's run to be via Dalgety (the proposed Federal capital site) to Cobargo (140 miles); on Friday a run up the coast to Nowra (156 miles), finishing in Sydney on Saturday, via Bulli Pass (116 miles). The total mileage for N.S.W. motorists would be 721 miles, and 709 miles for the Victorian party, not counting the 291 miles run up to the border. Each club is to bear its own organising expenses, contributed to by the motor houses and allied trades in each State. The idea would be to make the contest a practicable and easy one, low time limits being fixed for each class; whilst a low maximum, not to exceed from 18 to 20 miles an hour, would be advisable to prevent fast driving. Under the proposed conditions, which would be similar to those of the first Dunlop reliability contest from Sydney to Melbourne in 1905, the run should develop into an interesting and enjoyable tour. All the racing element would be eliminated, whilst there would be few restrictions and no observers carried. Gold medallions would be awarded to each contestant who maintained his time schedule throughout.

BATHURST-SYDNEY ROAD RACE.

The acceptances for the continental road race on August 15 are due on Saturday. The entries numbered 157, including several interstate representatives. The first prize, presented by the Continental Rubber Company, amounts to £30. The prize list totals £150.

BALMAIN CLUB.

In the first heat of the Dunlop interclub premiership the Balmain and Annandale teams dead-heated for first place. The run-off will be decided on Saturday over the Homebush course. The following riders will represent the Balmain Club:—F. R. Ray, R. Taylor, P. Shepherd, and W. Park.

LAWN TENNIS.

CHATSWOOD CLUB.

The following is the result of matches played off to date in connection with the tournaments for trophies presented by the president of the club:—

Ladies' Singles.

	Sets Played.		Games Won.
Miss Bligh (owe ½, 15)	8	..	35
Miss Davenport (owe ½, 15)	3	..	14
Mrs. Royle (owe ½, 15)	4	..	18
Miss Watt (owe ½, 15)	4	..	24
Mrs. Davies (owe ½, 30)	7	..	39
Miss C. McLean (receive 15)	3	..	10
Miss Jenkinson (owe 30)	1	..	6
Miss Dickson (owe ½, 15)	6	..	29
Mrs. Maddox (owe ½, 15)	2	..	11
Mrs. Chapman (owe ½, 15)	1	..	4
Mrs. Bruce (owe ½, 15)	1	..	6

Gentlemen's Singles.

Miles (scr) v Love (rec 15), 9-5.

Dr. Goldsmith (scr) v Heathfield (rec. ½, 15), 9-2.

Sloman (owe 50) v Colvin (owe ½, 15), 9-1.

Beit (owe 15) v Hough (scr), 9-4.

Lobban (owe 30) v Fleming (scr), 9-7.

Gibbes (owe 40) v Cornell (owe 30), 9-3.

On Monday next (Bank Holiday) a gentlemen's doubles handicap tournament is to be played off, for which 18 entries have been received. Play starts at 10 a.m.

BOWLS.

MAXFIELD SHIELD COMPETITION.

The New South Wales Bowling Association has decided that the Maxfield Shield Competition, which was postponed on account of the strike, will be played on August 8. The arrangements will be the same as before.

ATHLETICS.

SOUTH SYDNEY HARRIERS.

The following handicaps have been declared for the Parramatta to Sydney road race (about 16 miles), on Saturday:—A. Wood, scr.; H. E. Morgan, C. Weyman, 30s; A. Aberline, 40; A. McDonald, A. Sime, 2m; H. I. Smith, 2.30; A. T. Brown, 2.30; J. Roy, 4; W. Allen, E. Bishop, A. Chapman, H. Flower, A. Johnson, 7; A. Whipp, H. W. Kitz, 8; G. L. Butler, P. Ainsworth, V. Astles, R. L. Mennie, W. McLaren, 15; H. Paynter, L. C. Bailey, E. Clarke, E. Cleburne, T. H. Cole, P. J. Douglas, J. Haigh, C. Johnson, J. Lewis, P. Whitelaw, J. Webster, 17; F. Perry, W. H. Whyte, J. Wright, 17; F. Plumb, C. Stark, 20; G. Bamford, 20; J. Mealing, 20; C. F. Jackson, 25; W. E. Corban, 27; R. Bonham, 27; A. Barclay, F. H. Campbell, H. C. Campbell, J. O'Dwyer, 30; G. White, 35; A. Dunk, O. W. Austin, 40.

This race will start at 3 p.m. sharp, and competitors are requested to take the 2 o'clock train from Sydney.

TASMANIAN TEAM FOR SYDNEY.

HOBART, Wednesday.

The council of the Tasmanian Athletic Association decided to-day that the best team available (eight men), as the result of the Tasmanian 10-mile race, shall be sent to the interstate cross-country championship to be held in Sydney in September, and that the best two men shall be sent on to Melbourne for the 10-mile race there on September 19. It was also decided that should A. Midwood be able to make the trip he should represent Tasmania in the boxing championships at Brisbane.

ROWING.

NORTH SHORE CLUB.

The North Shore Rowing Club's finances are in a flourishing condition, a debt of over £100 having been converted into a credit balance during the past 12 months. Two new definition four-oar boats and a new definition pair-oar boat have been ordered. An increase in the membership gives promise that the forthcoming season will be a prosperous one for the club.

GRAFTON ROWING CLUB.

GRAFTON, Thursday.

At the annual meeting of the Grafton Rowing Club last night the report showed that the membership totalled 101. The income was £174, and expenditure £172, and the club assets £306. The following officers were elected:—President, Mr. E. T. Blaxland; captain, Mr. W. Stevenson; vice-captain, Mr. W. Hynes; treasurer, Mr. C. Sampson; secretary, Mr. J. H. Greathead.

PIGEON HOMING.

NEWTOWN SOCIETY.

The first race of the season, under the auspices of the Newtown Homing Pigeon Society, was an open race on July 25, from Bundanoon, distance 74 miles airline. Birds numbering 381 were despatched in the society's baskets by the 8.10 p.m. mail train to Mr. C. Smith, the society's hon. liberator. They were liberated in fine weather at 1 p.m. on Saturday, and homed at about 2.50 p.m. The result was a close race between the following competitors:—Messrs. R. Norton, W. Laycock, E. Hayes, C. Williamson, J. Waugh, J. Thompson, J. Lowe, F. H. Edwards, J. Auld, J. Miller, A. Hay, T. Hughes, A. Newland, G. Fitzpatrick, P. Turner, J. Crook, J. Conlon, and C. F. Booth.

WESTERN SUBURBS.

The Western Suburbs Homing Pigeon Society are holding an open race from Marulan, 94 miles air line, on Saturday, and have 361 entries. This is the society's first open race of the season, and the large number of entrants indicates that much interest is being centred in the event.

THE GUN.

BOWRAL, Friday.

The members of the Berrima District Gun Club competed on Wednesday for a double rise trophy, which was won by F. H. Throsby, with 7 kills. Of the subsequent sweepstakes the first was divided by F. H. Throsby and H. T. Walker, with four kills; the second by F. H. Throsby and P. H. Throsby, with three kills; the third by Captain Lloyd and H. O. Carter, with three kills; and the fourth won outright by P. H. Throsby, with four kills. During the afternoon a handsome pair of field glasses, which were won by Captain Lloyd and J. Beaven in connection with the hon. secretary's complimentary shoot, were presented to Mr. H. O. Carter (hon. secretary).

BLAYNEY, Thursday.

A pigeon match was shot here yesterday, the result of a challenge, Mr. Mason, from Burraga, conceding Mr. W. Davis, of Blayney, 4yds in a 10-bird contest. Mr. Mason won, killing six birds out of nine, while Mr. Davis scored five out of 10.

Two sweepstakes—a novice sweepstake and one-bird rise—were also shot off. Owing to the scarcity of birds the sweepstakes had to be divided. There is some talk of forming a gun club, owing to the successful result of yesterday's shoot.

BATHURST, Thursday.

The Bathurst Gun Club held a competition for a £10 handicap. There were 22 entrants. J. Carpenter, 22yds, and D. M'Gregor, 25yds, divided, with four kills each.

BILLIARDS.

MARKERS' TOURNAMENT.

The above was continued last night at Messrs. Heiron and Smith's Billiard Parlour, when G.P. (rec. 265) beat J. Bell (rec. 290) by 9; F. Smith, jun. (rec. 40) beat F. Weiss (rec. 250) by 22. The games for to-night are:—J. M'Sorley (rec. 260) v W. Grimshaw (rec. 250); "Alwood" (rec. 150) v A. Holdsworth (rec. 350). The draw for the third round will take place after the first heat.

NEW NATIONAL TOURNAMENT.

The final of the billiard tournament was played last night. F. Bryant (rec. 70) beat P. Hart (scratch). There was a large gathering of the members, and Mr. Bryant's win was received with great cheering. The first and second prizes were presented by the president (Mr. R. R. Jones) to the winners. To-night's game is:—G. Hart (rec. 55) v B. Griffiths (rec. 50), for third prize.

CITY TATTERSALL'S BILLIARD TOURNAMENT.

The above was continued last night, with the following result:—G. Fullin (rec. 85) beat F. Middleton (rec. 100) by 22. The games for to-night are:—P. Hart (owes 10) v J. Maiden (rec. 10), F. Cowell (owes 20) v J. Morris (rec. 60).

TATTERSALL'S CLUB TOURNAMENT.

Last night W. Noake (receives 135) beat E. A. Sheil (receives 120) by 11; "Monty" (receives 115) beat "Glancoma" (receives 85) by 28. To-night's games are: J. Logan (receives 130) v W. J. Millar (receives 145).

NEW ZEALAND ARBITRATION ACT.

"GREATER JURISDICTION THAN COURT OF APPEAL."

WELLINGTON, Thursday.

A case which arose out of a fine of £75 imposed on the Blackball Miners' Union for participating in a strike was decided by the Court of Appeal to-day. The questions at issue were whether the Arbitration Court, after having fined a union and issued a certificate to the Magistrates' Court, could declare individual members of the union liable, and issue a further certificate to the Magistrates' Court for the purpose of enforcing the payment of the fine on individual members of the union. A motion for certiorari asked that the order made by the Court of Arbitration and a certain distress warrant issued thereunder be quashed.

The Chief Justice said that the Arbitration Court had been granted really greater jurisdiction than even the Court of Appeal. It might proceed contrary to law or to fact in dealing with matters under its jurisdiction, and from its decisions, however erroneous, there was no right of appeal. It appeared to him plain from the wording of the statute that the intention of the framers of the Act was that the ordinary rules of law and justice that had been slowly evolved through the ages were not necessarily applicable to disputes in industrial matters.

The motion must be refused. Justices Williams, Denniston, and Cooper concurred. Mr. Justice Edwards dissented.

AMUSEMENTS.

AMATEUR ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY.

The Sydney Amateur Orchestral Society was fortunate last night, on the occasion of the second concert of the season at the Town Hall, in a very large attendance of music-lovers, evidently quite undaunted by a renewal of wet weather conditions. The programme amply justified the enterprise shown by the audience, the wonderful "C minor Symphony" (No. 5, op. 67) of Beethoven forming the rallying point of interest in a whole series of musical numbers that presented tone-pictures in ever-varying colours. Herr Slapoffski conducted with inspiriting vigilance, his efforts, with the capable leadership of M. Henri Staell especially, assisting the orchestra to the satisfactorily discriminative rendering of a symphony to which the highest executive and interpretative talents would scarcely do justice. In this respect probably the most difficult movement is the first "allegro con brio," depicting, as Berlioz explains it, "the disordered feelings which overthrow a great soul when a prey to despair." It is the imaginative aspect of the movement that taxes the finest orchestras in this music; but last night's players were admirably in sympathy with the mellifluous grace of the exquisite "andante con moto." The brass "lead" was more than once inclined to be sluggish, but the conductor showed himself particularly alert in correcting the tendency before the audience had time to discover any deficiency, and the flowing variations of the bass strings and violas, and then by the violins, were very smoothly taken up throughout. The scherzo, with the rugged power and gloom of the passages for bass instruments, and the characteristically weird atmosphere in which the whole was developed, and the martial and vigorously-played "finale," showed the high standard well sustained, and all were greeted with heartiest applause at the termination.

In connection with the performance of the Vorspiel to "Hansel and Gretel," every listener who had the privilege of hearing Humperdinck's fairy opera during the last German season found the orchestral repetition infinitely more enjoyable, every new theme in turn bringing the stage situation vividly before the mind's eye. The overture, as will be remembered, possesses the charm of apparent simplicity, to which a scoring that is really very complex gives rare piquancy and contrast of colour. The "Rapsodie Norvegienne," by Johann Svendsen, had not been performed here for six years. It is the third of a series of four by the Norwegian composer, and is in three movements. Of these many people will prefer the first, owing to the wild grace of the opening theme, to which the tone of the oboe gives pastoral effect, whilst the melancholy of the andante, first introduced on the horn, and the rustic allegro with which the work closes, are all so piquantly orchestrated as to hold the attention. There were "first performances" of Elgar's "Chanson de Nuit" and "Chanson de Matin," in which the fact that the strings were largely employed unisonally, with harp accompaniment, enabled that important section of the orchestra to show its power of songlike expression. The theme of the night movement is gracious and elevated, whilst a tender and graceful animation gives buoyance to the morning song. Other numbers that were appreciated were the familiar overture to the "Flying Dutchman," and the ingeniously classic "Bacchanal," with the rapid passages for flute and clashing cymbals, of the intermezzo No. 3 from Massenet's "Les Erinnyes." Miss Florence Quinn, a young contralto from Auckland, now studying with Mme. Slapoffski, made a promising debut. Her success was in Mozart's "Voi che Sapete" ("Le Nozze di Figaro"), charmingly rendered, the high key suiting the tuneful quality of a voice of light calibre. Miss Quinn, who has acquired a dramatic style, did promising work in "Oh, My Heart is Weary," which proved somewhat heavy for the vocal means at disposal. After cordial recalls the singer was awarded so many flowers that the conductor was occupied for some minutes after her departure, heavily laden, in "stacking" further consignments of the same kind. The incident vastly amused the frivolous, and even the orchestra concealed their smiles with difficulty at their chief touch of annoyance. The orchestral accompaniment to Goring Thomas's aria carries with it a tragic significance that the piano cannot realise, and the audience recognised the fact with interest. It may be added that Herr Slapoffski was prominently concerned in the original production of "Nadeshda" at Drury Lane Theatre about 1884 or 1885.

THE HAMBOURG MATINEE.

There are so many fragrant blossoms in the Chopin rosary that no one can point to the loveliest of them all. The posy presented by Mr. Mark Hambourg to the very considerable audience which assembled at his matinee at the Town Hall yesterday was, however, evidently culled in an especially favoured nook of the garden, and his genius showed all those flowers in a guise as freshly attractive as when they originally burst into being. The programme opened with the "Sonata in B flat minor," so recently reviewed in this column, of which it may be said that the artist invests the first part of the "Funeral March" with the processional solemnity that appeals to the many, whilst the song of consolation is rendered with the tenderness that belongs to the heart-stricken. The whole sonata is a favourite with Mr. Hambourg, who points out that in the brief presto there are threads of melody which he is careful to bring out. He does not object to the suggestion that Chopin may have designed this movement as a reference to volley-firing over the grave distantly borne to the ear by the night wind; though he had not seen it in print before our notice of last Friday. The enthusiasm after the Russian pianist's beautiful rendering of the work led to the addition as encore of the "Prelude in F."

The second group was initiated with the "Ballade in F major," the pastoral charm of the slow portion of which gives the idea of a Christmas carol, followed by a tremendously brilliant allegro, played hereafter with a wonderful display of virtuoso power. On the resumption of the pastoral subject, the fact became emphasised of a want of apparent connection with the rest, and it would be interesting to know whether Chopin supposed there was any such. The "Nocturne in B major" was rendered with touching expression, and after C minor prelude, a change was made by the substitution of the "B flat prelude" for the "G major." However, the favourite "A flat" followed in due course, and Mr. Hambourg's lightning-like execution of this "black-note study" brought down the house, as it always does, and a repetition became necessary. Many other fine pieces were rendered. The encore after the "A flat Polonaise" was the "Etude in F minor," which many pianists render at a rapid fortissimo. Mr. Hambourg takes it softly and somewhat slowly, as he considers that the more usual treatment blurs and obscures its finest qualities. Students should note this authoritative comment. Instead of the "Impromptu in A flat," Mr. Hambourg played the favourite "Valse in A flat," and at the end of the afternoon, after many insistent recalls, he responded with the "Marche Militaire."

Messrs. J. and N. Tait announce the farewell concert for Saturday, when a fine programme will include the "Waldstein Sonata." Mr. Hambourg will leave for Melbourne next day.

PIANOFORTE RECITAL.

Two of Mr. Alfred Barry's piano students gave a recital at the School of Arts, Parramatta, on Wednesday evening. Miss Evelyn Vallance played Liszt's Second Rhapsodie Hongroise, Chopin's Impromptu in F sharp, and other pieces; and Miss Jessie Shields rendered Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata," Chaminade's "Automne," and Moskowski's "Valse Brillante." Both ladies showed talent, and evidences of skilful teaching, and were frequently recalled. Messrs. W. E. Lynch and F. Brand rendered several songs, accompanied by Mr. Alfred Barry.

MME. JOSEPHINE DEAKIN'S MATINEE.

Mme. Josephine Deakin (Mrs. Scantlebury), having been away for some years in England, where she studied under Signor Randegger and Mme. Guy d'Hardelot, and, amongst other London engagements, appeared at the great Coronation Concert given by Mme. Albani at the People's Palace, signalised her return to professional life in this city by a vocal matinee at Paling's Concert Hall yesterday afternoon. The operatic soprano proved at once that she is in full possession of a beautiful voice, which she employed in the tender aria "Convien partir" (in Italian) with much purity of style and accuracy of attack, combined with plenty of warmth of colour where a more dramatic expression was demanded. Mme. Deakin's cultivated style was especially well applied to de Fontenailles' "Obstination," a charming setting of lyrics in François Coppee; and the beauty of her voice quite won the matinee audience in "I Know a Lovely Garden" (d'Hardelot). The soprano, who studied the song in London with the composer, gives a highly effective interpretation, which is quite new to us, adroitly taking the high phrase near the close at the words "My life" piano instead of forte, as marked in the published music. Students will find this rendering a fairly easy [illegible] upon their voice management. Mme. Deakin was warmly applauded, making various additions to her songs in question, was supported by Mr. Charles [illegible], whose principal contribution was "Infelice," a young baritone exhibited herein a mellow and resonant vocal quality, combined with pathos of expression, and must be recognised as a singer with a future before him. Miss Lilian Frost accompanied the soloists with all her usual care.

ORANGE WATER SUPPLY.

IMPROVING THE SCHEME.

ORANGE, Thursday.

Complaint having been rife for some years as to the insufficiency of the water supply in the higher parts of the town, the matter was reported on some months since by an officer of the Works Department. His report was received at the meeting of the Orange Municipal Council on Tuesday evening, and stated that the deficiency was partly caused by the use of large quantities of water to flush the gutters, and was partly due to the mains being too small to give a satisfactory pressure at the higher levels. It was suggested that an additional 10-inch main be provided from the present end of the 12-inch main to the intersection of Summer and Peisley streets, and be continued along Peisley-street to Byng-street; thence along that street to the highest part of the town. The new main would be 2 miles 71 chains long, and would serve the parts now complaining of deficient pressure, and supply 860,000 gallons per day, with about 50 feet head of pressure to spare. A balance tank would be necessary at the change of gradient, 1 mile 11 chains from the town. The estimated cost was £7890, and included the supply of East Orange, when that may be desired.

A motion was carried by the council approving the liability and responsibility, and requesting the Government to proceed with the work. No additional charge upon the people of Orange will be necessitated, the present rate covering the cost.

DEATH FROM STRYCHNINE JAM.

GOULBURN, Thursday.

Michael Keogh, aged 24, a resident of Golspie and manager for Hillas, died yesterday evening through taking strychnine jam. He was unmarried, and had for some weeks shown signs of mental unrest. He had been watched by friends. The recent death of a nephew had preyed upon his mind. Keogh was a respected resident.

MINING.

THE SHARE MARKET.

The disturbing influences of the tramway strike having passed away, the market was in a better mood yesterday morning for business. The result was a return of buoyancy very pleasing to scrip-holders. Other matters, however, assisted to bring about this result. For instance, private cables showed that the steady upward tendency in the price of lead—to the £15 per ton, which some operators fondly hope will be reached—is being maintained, and that another advance of 2/6, brought the price on Wednesday in London to £13/15/.

Then, again, there was the reassuring fact that the London Stock Exchange on Wednesday displayed more buoyancy in Australian silver and copper stocks. This was shown by the fact that the buying offers for B.H. Block 10 indicated an advance of 1/6; B.H. Souths, paid, /6; B.H. Norths, 1/3; Chillagoe, contg. /3; and Mount Lyells, /7½; that sellers of B.H. Proprietary held for 40/, as against previous sellers at 38/9, that Zinc Corporation were in better favour; and that Mount Elliotts and Great Cobars were in good demand at advanced rates.

Naturally enough, these circumstances, together with the fact that both the Adelaide and Melbourne Stock Exchanges displayed a steady feeling for copper and some silver shares, had a good effect locally. Of course there were some fluctuations in prices, with sales booked at receding rates, as in the case of B.H. Souths, paid, for instance, but against that may be set the fact that Broken Hill Proprietary advanced /3, in face of the announcement of the directors that owing to the unsatisfactory price of metals recently, they have decided not to declare a dividend.

The business recorded in silver shares was weak. B. H. Proprietary, 39/, a rise of /3; B. H. South (paid), at 68/ and 67/, a decline of 1/; B. H. Norths, at 47/, an advance of /6; B. H. Junction North, at 18/7½, a fall of /4½. In the case of the stocks not dealt in, B. H. South (contg) and British (old) were quoted wide, with fair offers for B. H. Block 14 (ord.).

The fact that only two copper stocks furnished sales does not mean that the market was weak. As a matter of fact, it was the disinclination of holders to make the least concession on late rates which prevented business being done. O. K. Copper sold at a fractional rise, whilst Kyloe Copper was exchanged at late rates. Good offers were made for Queen Bee, Wallaroo and Moonta, and Mount Elliotts, with fair inquiries for Chillagoe (contg), "Lloyd" Copper, Lobb's Hole, and Macgregors, but buyers bid wide for Mount Molloys and Munganas. Mount Morgans were unobtainable at an advance of 1/ on late rates. The market for tin shares was lifeless.

The position of silver stocks was not materially altered during the afternoon. B.H. Souths, paid, repeated the 1/ decline recorded in the morning, whilst B.H. Block 10 at 48/6 showed an improvement of /7½. In the case of other silver shares the quotations did not show a close market. In copper stocks Queen Bee, O.K., Mount Morgans, and Macgregors were supported at advanced rates, but Mount Molloys weakened, whilst Mount Elliotts sold at 61/ on six weeks' time, as against the previous sale at 59/6 for ordinary delivery. Business in tin shares was confined to Vulcan Tin at 5/1, a further decline of /1.

In gold stocks Araluen Steam Shovel sold on the down grade, just as Chaffer's (W.A.) improved. Charters Towers interests did not command much attention, as far as the amount of business transacted is concerned, the only stocks dealt in being Brilliant Central, which failed to hold the morning improvement, and Bonnie Dundee, which recovered /3. In Gympie shares business was recorded at fair rates in three stocks.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

	Buyers. £ s d	Sellers. £ s d
COPPER.		
Bagan River	—	0 4 6
Budgery Mines	0 2 9	—
Burgerygar	0 2 6	—
Chillagoe	0 4 9	—
Ditto, contributing	0 3 9	0 4 0
Hampden-Cloncurry, paid	—	0 12 3
Kyloe	0 8 7	0 8 10
Lloyd Copper	0 4 0	0 4 8
Lobb's Hole	0 13 9	—
Ditto, contributing	—	0 12 6
M'Gregor-Cloncurry, paid	0 4 0	0 4 3
Mount Cuthbert	0 4 0	—
Mount Elliott	2 19 0	—
Mount Molloy	0 2 0	0 3 0
Mungana (Chillagoe)	0 5 11	0 6 3
O. K.	0 2 11	0 3 11½
Queen Bee	0 6 6	0 7 0
Rockbourne	—	0 3 9
Tasmanian Copper, paid	0 5 6	—
Wallaroo and Moonta	1 9 0	1 10 0
TIN.		
Gilmore	0 2 9	0 4 2
Stannary Hills	0 1 5	—
Tulam	0 5 0	0 5 2
SILVER. New South Wales, etc.		
British Broken Hill	0 17 3	0 17 4½
Broken Hill Proprietary	1 18 6	1 19 0
B.H. Block 10	2 7 0	2 8 6
Ditto Block 14	—	0 13 3
Ditto, preference	0 12 0	—
B. H. Junction	0 2 4	—
B. H. Junction North	0 18 6	0 19 0
B. H. North	2 6 6	2 7 6
B. H. South	3 6 6	3 7 6
B. H. South, contributing	2 18 0	3 0 0
B. H. South Blocks	0 16 0	0 16 6
C. S. A. Mines, paid	—	0 16 0
Sulphide Corporation, ordinary	0 7 9	0 8 6
GOLD. New South Wales, etc.		
Araluen Steam Shovel	0 5 6	0 5 8
Baker's Creek	0 2 10	0 3 1
Harden	1 5 0	1 7 0
Harden Central, paid	—	0 3 0
Ditto, contributing	0 0 8	0 1 0
Harden West	0 2 0	0 3 2
Ditto, contributing	0 1 0	0 1 2
Mount David	0 2 10	0 3 0
Myall and Peak Hill, paid	—	0 2 6
New Hillgrove Proprietary	0 4 6	0 4 9
Occidental	0 8 0	—
Sunlight	—	0 0 3½
Wyalong and New Homeward Bound	—	0 8 0
Dredging and Sluicing.		
Amalgamated Tin	0 2 0	0 2 6
Araluen Central	0 6 3	0 7 0
Associated Gold Dredging	0 3 6	0 3 9
Cope's Creek	—	0 7 0
Jembaicumbene	0 0 9	—
Ovens Valley	—	0 7 6
Reform Tin, paid	0 3 0	0 3 9
Tingha Tin	—	0 3 0
Tasmania.		
Mount Lyell	1 10 0	—
Queensland. Charters Towers, etc.		
Bonnie Dundee	0 5 7	0 5 11
Brilliant Block	0 7 0	—
Ditto, contributing	0 4 0	0 4 9
Brilliant Central	0 7 0	0 7 1
Brilliant Extended	0 11 7	0 11 9
Clark's Brilliant Worcester, etc.	0 0 10	0 1 0
Day Dawn Gold Mines	0 2 10	—
Kelly's Queen Block	0 2 6	0 2 10
Marshall's Queen	0 3 6	—
Ditto, contributing	0 3 0	—
Mount Morgan	3 10 0	3 11 0
Queen Central	0 2 10	0 3 0
Queen Cross Reef	—	0 4 6
Ruby	0 2 6	—
Ditto, contributing	—	0 2 6
Victory	—	0 2 3
East Mexican, paid	0 12 3	0 13 0
Gympie.		
Columbia Extended	0 3 7	—
East Oriental and Glanmire	0 6 0	0 6 4
Ditto, contributing	—	0 6 2
Great Northern, contributing	0 2 6	0 2 9
North Columbia and Smithfield, No. 1	0 3 6	0 3 9
Ditto, No. 2	0 1 3	—
North Oriental and Glanmire No. 1	0 1 4	0 1 5
North Smithfield	0 3 0	0 4 6
Oriental and Glanmire	—	0 1 7
Peter and Paul, contributing	—	0 1 9
Smithfield and P. Golden Pile	0 2 8	—
South Glanmire and Monkland	0 2 0	—
South Great Eastern No. 2	0 3 4	0 3 9
South Oriental and Glanmire No. 1	0 1 2	0 1 4
Western Australia.		
Chaffer's	0 2 0	0 2 6
Great Boulder	1 5 0	—
Ditto, No. 1	—	0 8 6
Ditto, Main Reef	—	0 4 2

STOCK EXCHANGE SALES.

MORNING.

Copper.—O.K. Copper, 2/11; Kyloe Copper, 8/9.

Silver.—B.H. Proprietary, 39/; B.H. South, paid, 68/; one month, 68/; ordinary, 67/; B.H. North, 47/; B.H. Junction North, 18/7½; one month, 18/9.

Tin.—Gilmore, 4/.

Gold.—Witwatersrand Deep (South Africa), 17/; Brilliant Central, 7/, 7/3, 7/4; New B. Freehold, six weeks, 24/6; ordinary, 24/9; Great Boulders, 26/9; Brilliant Extended, paid, 11/9; Associated Gold Dredging, 3/6, 3/8; East Mexican, paid, 12/9; No. 1 North Columbia, 3/6, 3/7; Mount David, 2/11.

AFTERNOON.

Copper.—Queen Bee, 6/6; O. K. Copper, 3/11, 2/11½, 4/, 4/1; Mount Morgan, 71/; Mount Molloy, 2/11; Mount Elliott, six weeks, 61/; Macgregors, 4/3.

Silver.—B. H. South (paid), 67/; B. H. Block 10, 48/6.

Tin.—Vulcan Tin, 5/1.

Gold.—Araluen Steam Shovel, 5/6; Brilliant Central, 7/; No. 1 North Oriental, 1/4; East Oriental (paid), 6/3; No. 1 North Columbia, 3/8; Chaffer's (London register), 2/3; ordinary, 2/5; Bonnie Dundee, 5/9.

MINING NOTES.

Our Melbourne correspondent telegraphs that all forfeited shares in the hands of the New White Leads Company have been placed, and work at the mine will be resumed at an early date.

The shaft of the Brookman's United Company, Wyalong, is down 270ft. The reef in the shaft is very small on the footwall, and a small vein in the centre is worth about 1oz to the ton. A favourable change is expected shortly.

The Paddock Swamp Tin Dredging Company resumed sluicing on the 18th inst, and cleaned up boxes on the 17th for 1 ton 8cwt of tin. The manager also cleaned up another lot on the 22nd inst for 1 ton 9cwt, making a total of 2 tons 17cwt for a run of 156 hours. The dredge has since been sluicing in overburden, for 60 hours, and it was expected to clean up again on the 29th inst.

Private cables state that amongst the shares quoted on the London Stock Exchange on Wednesday were the following:—B.H. Block 10, b 49/3, ex div.; B.H. Proprietary, s 40/; B.H. South, paid, b 67/6; Zinc Corporation, b 4/6; B.H. Norths, b 47/6; Mount Elliotts, b 60/; Chillagoe, contg., b 3/9; Mount Lyells, b 31/9; Great Cobars, b £5/8/6; Mount Morgans, b 68/9. Lead was quoted at £13/15/, a rise of 2/6 per ton.

The shaft of the Harden Central gold mine is down 275ft. Sinking will be continued to the 300ft level, where the footwall of the lode is expected to be met. The full width of the reef cannot be ascertained till the shaft has been sunk a further depth, and a crosscut put in from the bottom of the shaft. This work, it is anticipated, will take about three or four weeks to complete. The reef, where met with in the sink, is 3ft wide, and is rather poor.

The Namoi Copper-mining Company, Ltd., has been formed with a capital of £8000 in £1 shares, to take over certain mining leases and to work the same. The registered office of the company will be in New South Wales. The Mount Browne Copper and Gold Mining Company, No Liability, has been formed with a nominal capital of £35,000 in £1 shares, of which 10,000 shares paid up to 10/ and 12,500 paid up to 18/ are issued as contributing shares, and the balance as fully paid up. The first place of operations is Karangi, near Orara, county of Fitzroy. The number of contributing shares subscribed for is 12,500, and the amount of money to the credit of the company is £599/10/8. The registered office will be in Grafton, and the provisional manager is W. M'Neill.

QUEENSLAND EXPLORATION COMPANY.

Operations during last month at this company's Great Australia mine show that the north drive at the 250ft level was carried in 10ft wide on ore, which has changed to a silicious gangue, and assays 6 per cent. copper over a width of 6ft. The south drive at the same level is also on ore, the richest assaying 5.9 per cent. for a width of 10ft. The crosscut at the same level to prove the width of the lode has not yet reached the footwall. The face is calcite, with patches of copper and iron pyrites, worth 4.8 per cent. The developments in the winze going down on the lode from the 200ft level, as well as in the crosscut and drives from it, show the existence of a large ore body, the dimensions of which are at present unknown. The average assay of all the material removed from these workings and sent to the smelters was 7.9 per cent. copper for 259 tons.

MINING IN THE STATE.

WELLINGTON, Thursday.

A change has taken place in the management of the Goodrich mine, near Obley, Mr. Bonnerson now being in charge. Development work will be carried on for the next three or six months, and after that machinery to the value of £6000 will be erected. Mr. J. D. Oswald, of Melbourne, the owner of the mine, recently inspected the property.

The developments in the winze at the Welcome Jack have opened up a quantity of ore showing gold freely. Practically the whole of the ore in the stopes at the 100ft level, covering about 150ft running north and south, is carrying gold.

The deep levels shaft is down 80ft, and is in very hard sinking, but it is expected to get through this during the week.

The shaft put down in the Coronation beyond where the ore was being taken out picked up the lode again, and carting to the Commonwealth has been resumed. The tunnel is now in 70ft.

YAMBULLA, Thursday.

It is reported on the very best authority that Biddulph and Durkin, prospecting at Scotchie's Creek, Burragate, are so satisfied with their proposition that they are about to have a battery erected on the ground. It has long been known that bismuth, antimony, silver, gold, and even uranium exist in the locality. A plant on the ground will enable their values to be tested. M'Carthy continues to raise good mineral ore on No. 9, though the vein is small, and in hard country. Brown Bros.' trial crushing from Razorback, treated at Haugh and M'Donald's battery, returned a little over 2oz per ton.

TIN MINING INDUSTRY.

DEEP LEADS AND LODES.

EMMAVILLE, Wednesday.

It seems a great pity that the once-famous Ottery mine at Tent Hill should be idle. When in work this property gives employment to between 60 and 70 hands. The Ottery is supposed to be one of the best tin reefs ever discovered in Australia, and has produced some thousands of tons of tin. The monthly output was about 30 tons. The shaft is down about 200ft, and the reef is still good.

M'Kinnon and party are getting ready for another crushing from their claim on the Glen. The stone at grass is very good. The parcel will be treated at the Torrington battery.

The Bourke's Hill Tin Dredging Company's No. 1 plant is to be removed to the hill property, as there is better tin values in that locality. At No. 2 plant the additional machinery is nearly ready, and it is expected that a trial run will be made at the end of the month.

The rich discovery made by the Chinese on Corr's ground at the Gulf still continues to look well, and the Celestials are taking out about 7 tons of tin per week. Scarcity of water is the chief drawback.

Great satisfaction was expressed on Saturday at the substantial rise in the price of tin, the unit having risen 1s. This means about £82 per ton locally for 75 per cent. ore. Should this price continue it will be only a matter of a few weeks when Emmaville will be booming once more, and the wave of depression that threatened the district have passed away.

Mr. Adams, who has recently acquired the option of Say's old block, on the Rose Valley lead, is putting down a shaft, but it will be some time yet before he succeeds in bottoming it.

The Stannum Vale Deep Lead Company is down 222ft, and still going through hard basalt. This company is sticking manfully to the task of endeavouring to discover the underlying reefs, which are known to exist.

F. Booth and H. Ezzy disposed of half a ton of tin last week, taken from their claim at Kangaroo Flat. The seam is only small, but is said to be fairly rich.

The Stannum Lode Tin Company completed a crushing last week at the Torrington battery of 30 tons, obtained from Warrell's lease. The result was 15 tons of tin. Though not as rich as the last crushing, the result is exceedingly satisfactory.

Driving operations are still being carried on with satisfactory results at the Butler's Reef, and some phenomenally rich deposits of tin are being met with at a depth of 140ft. This mine is evidently destined to prove a big factor to the district, and now that it has been conclusively proved that rich tin can be obtained at a depth, there is every probability of capital being introduced to locate other reefs known to abound all over this vast mineral-bearing area.

All the machinery is on the site for the Rose Valley Deep Lead mine, and it is expected to be ready for a trial run in about a fortnight.

During last week the Great Britain Company has shifted the plant to a new site further up the channel. Sluicing operations were commenced on the new paddock on Monday. The overburden is extremely hard in places, and requires fracture to remove it.

Mayhood and party cleaned up from their claim on the Graveyard lead, and obtained half a ton of tin. Johnson and Jobson, on the same lead, obtained 8cwt 2qrs.

Russell and party have a fair surface claim on the Ottery-road, and cleaned up last week for 10cwt of tin.

Doyle and party are getting fair average dirt from their claim near Tent Hill, but are handicapped for want of water.

The erection of the crushing plant on Stacey's Gully, near Stannum, is progressing, and it will not be long before everything is ready for a start.

Elliott and party have a very promising show on what is known as the Postman's Track, and are putting through a trial crushing at the Torrington battery this week, which is expected to give a good return.

The Elsie dredge is engaged stripping overburden, the ground being of fair average quality, with tin showing in the face. The last clean up gave 2 tons 2cwt of tin for a nine-days' run.

J. Paget and Barrett, who recently secured Tredea's sluicing plant on the creek, cleaned up for 5cwt of tin.

Brown and party are getting a little tin from their claim at Highland Home, and last week disposed of a 5cwt parcel.

Bouverett and party, whose claim is situated on German Gully, recently cleaned up for a return of 18cwt of tin.

BROKEN HILL MINES.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

The B.H. Block 10 mill last week treated 2740 tons of crudes, producing 470 tons of concentrates, assaying 59.9 per cent. lead, 32.7oz silver, and 16 per cent. zinc.

Good progress is being made with the plat at Thompson's 800ft level of the British mine. At the 500ft level the south drive is in 95ft, and is still in ore. The south drive at the 700ft level is in 30ft, and is going through quartz and schist.

Good work is still being done by the Broken Hill Junction North mill, which last week treated over 2800 tons. The shaft, mine, and mill are in excellent order. A goodly portion of the concentrates in future will go to the B.H. Proprietary Company at Port Pirie. Although the mill is doing so well it is to be further improved bit by bit. Additional tables and vanners, a new tube mill, jig, air-compresser, air-circulators underground, and an additional mill engine, are among the things contemplated. The shaft is at present hauling more ore weekly than any shaft its size in Australia.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

To-day's sales and quotations were:—

Western Australian mines: Associated, 21/10½, 22/; Northern, b 8/3, s 9/; Perseverance, 4/3, 4/5; Chaffers, 2/4½, 2/4, 2/5, 2/4½, 2/5, b 2/5, s 2/5½; Cumberland, 4/9, 4/, 4/11, b 4/11, s 5/; Boulders, 26/10½, b 26/9, s 26/10½; Golden Pole, 1/10, b 1/9, s 1/10; Lake Views, 10/1½, 10/6; Main Reef, 3/10½; Mararoa, 21/6, b 21/, s 22/6; Melton, b 1/6, s 2/; Oroya, b 14/9, s 15/3; Black Range, b 18/6, s 20/; Princess Royal, b 1/1½, s 1/3; Sons of Gwalia South, paid, b 25/9, s 26/6.

Various: Baker's Creek, 2/11, 2/10, b 2/9½, s 2/11.

Silver: Broken Hill Proprietary, 39/3, 38/9, 38/, b 38/9; Block 14, old, b 12/9, s 13/3; British (old), 17/4½, b 17/4½, s 17/6; ditto (new), 15/7½, b 15/7½, s 15/9; Block 10, 48/, 48/3, 48/6, b 48/3, s 49/; Junctions, 2/5, 2/5½, b 2/5, s 2/5½; Broken Hill Norths, b 47/6, s 47/9; Souths, paid, 66/6, 67/, b 66/9, s 67/; ditto, contg., 59/, 59/6, b 59/3, s 59/6; South Blocks, 16/4½, b 16/3, s 16/4½; Junction North, b 18/10½, s 19/3; Zinc Corporation, b 4/11, s 5/1.

Copper: Burra, paid, b 1/6, s 1/7; ditto, contg., b 1/3, s 1/6; Kyloe, 8/6, b 8/3, s 9/; Chillagoe, 5/1, b 4/11, s 5/1; Hampden, b 11/9, s 12/1½; Elliotts, b 59/9, s 60/6; Mungana, 6/, b 6/, s 6/1; O.K., 4/, 4/1, 4/0½, b 4/, s 4/1; Wallaroo, 29/7½, b 29/7½, s 29/10½.

Tin: Ringarooma, b 24/, s 30/; Stannary Hills, b 1/6½, s 1/9.

BENDIGO, Thursday.

To-day's quotations and sales were:—Catherine Reef United, 23/9, 24/, sales 24/, 23/9; Clarence United, 11/, 12/6; Garden Gully United, 18/6, 22/; Goldfield Consol, 7/1½, 7/7½; Goldfields North, 7/; Great Extended Hustlers, 8/6, 10/; Great Southern, 16/; Hercules and Energetic, 9/6; Horwoods and Burrowes, 7/4, 12/7½, sales 7/6; Johnson's Reef, 15/6, 16/, sales 15/3, 15/9; Koch's Pioneer, 5/10½, 6/1½, sales 6/; Londonderry, £20, £23; Nell Gwynn, 4/10, 5/3, sales 5/; New Chum Railway, 13/6; New Nil Desperandum, 4/, 4/4; New Prince of Wales, 3/9, 4/6; Princess Dagmar, 3/4, 3/5, sales 3/5, 3/8; Sea, 8/, 8/6; South New Moon, 36/6, 37/; The Langdon, 5/4½, 5/6, sales 5/6; Virginia (ex div.), 57/, 63/; Victoria Consols, 8/9, 9/6, sales 9/.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

To-day's sales were:—Bonnie Dundee, 5/4, 5/6, 5/7, 5/8, 6/; Brilliant Central, 7/3, 7/4, 7/3; Brilliant Block, paid, 7/3; East Mexican, contg, 11/8; Phoebe, contg, 1/0½; Wallis, paid, 2/6, 2/8½, 2/9, 2/7, 2/8; Macgregor, 4/.

CHARTERS TOWERS, Thursday.

Quotations: Brilliant, 4/, 5/; B. Central, 7/9, 8/; Bonnie, 5/6, 5/9; B. Extended, 10/10, 11/5; paid, 11/9, 12/4; Carrington, /9, 1/; Worcester, /7½, /9½; paid, /10½, /11; D. D. Gold Mines, 2/9, 2/10; Mexican, 12/1, 12/4; paid, 13/9, 14/; Alexandria, 5/7; Kelly's, b /10; paid, b 2/3; Marshalls, 3/3, 3/5; paid, 2/6, 2/9; Mills, 12/4, 12/9; New B. Freeholds, 24/6, 25/6; Phoebe, 1/, 1/2½; paid, 2/1½, 2/6; Q. Cross, 4/, 4/1; Q. Central, b 2/6; paid, 2/9, 3/; Ruby, b 2/; Caledonia, 1/5, 1/9; Victory, 2/1, 2/4.

Sales: Blue Peter, 1/7, 1/6; Bonnie, 5/7, 5/8; B. Central, 7/1 to 7/8; Brilliant Deeps, 1/3, 1/3; B. Block, 3/11, 4/; paid, 6/11; B. Extended, 11/; Carrington, /9; Worcester, /10½; D.D. Gold Mines, 2/6, 2/9; Mexican, 11/6 to 12/8; paid, 13/ to 13/9; Grant's (paid), 1/; Kelly's, 1/; Kulamadau, /9; Marshall's, 3/4, 3/5; Mills, 12/6; New B. Freeholds, 24/6; Cravens, /5; North Queen, 1/4; Pfeiffers, 10/9 to 12/6; paid, 11/4 to 13/; Phoebe, 1/2½, 1/3; Q. Cross, 4/2, 4/; Wallis, 1/11, 2/; paid, 2/6, 2/7.

GYMPIE, Thursday.

Quotations:—No. 1 N. Columbia, 3/5, 3/8; No. 3 N. Columbia, 1/5½, 1/6; Columbia Extended, 3/7½, 3/10; South Glanmire and Monkland, 1/11, 2/2; No. 1 South Great Eastern, /6½, /7½; No. 2 South Great Eastern, 3/6, 3/10; Great Northern, 2/, 4/; No. 1 N. G. Northern, /3, 1/; Homeward Bound Hibernian, /6, 1/; No. 7 South Lady Mary, /2½, /3½; Oriental and Glanmire, 1/5, 1/6; No. 1 N. Oriental, b 1/3; No. 1 S. Oriental, 1/0½, 1/2½; East Oriental, s 6/; Oriental Consols, /9, 1/; North Smithfield, s 4/6; No. 1 N. Smithfield, s 7/; Two Mile, /7, 1/3; Starke United, b /3; New Wilmot, b /6.

LAUNCESTON, Thursday.

Quotations:—Tasmania, b 7/, s 8/6; Magnet, s 23/6; North Farrells b 6/9, s 7/1½; Hercules, b 9/6, s 10/; Tasmanian Copper, b 5/10, s 6/2; Mount Bischoff, b £33/5/, s £34; Pioneer, s 26/; Wynford, s /7; Mutual Hill, b /6½, s /9.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

To-day's sales and quotations were:—Silver: B. H. Block 10, 49/, b 47/9, s 48/6; Block 14 (pref.), b 12/6; British Broken Hill (old), 17/, b 17/, s 17/3; Broken Hill, 38/6, 38/7½, b 38/6, s 38/9; Junction, b 2/4, s 2/6; Junction North, b 19/, s 19/6; South, contg., b 58/6, s 59/; ditto, paid 67/, 66/6, b 66/3, s 6/6; South Blocks, 16/4, 16/6, 16/4, b 16/1, s 16/3; North Broken Hill, b 46/9, s 48/; Sulphide, b 5/; Zinc Corporation, b 4/6; ditto pref., 17/, b 15/.

Copper.—Mount Lyell, 31/3, 31/6, b 31/4½, s 31/6; Hampden, b 11/8, s 12/; Macgregor, b 4/, s 4/6; Mount Cuthbert, s 5/; Mount Elliott, 60/, 60/6, b 60/, s 61/; Mount Molloy, 2/8½, b 2/7, s 2/10; Mungana, 6/, b 6/, s 6/1; O. K. Copper, b 3/10, s 4/1; ditto, Adelaide register, 4/, b 4/, s 4/1.

Tin.—Amalgamated Tin, b 2/; Pioneer Extended, 4/8, b 4/7, s 4/9; Stannum Lode, b 4/6; ditto, paid, b 4/7, s 5/.

Victorian gold mines:—All Nations, 4/1, 4/3, b 4/2, s 4/3; Cathcart, 5/10, b 5/7, s 6/; Catherine Reef, 24/, 23/10½, b 23/0, s 24/; Central Cookmans, 3/8, 3/9, b 3/6, s 4/; Great Southern, 20/9, b 20/, s 21/; Hustler's Reef, b 25/, s 30/; Johnson's Reef, 15/, b 15/6, s 16/; Long Tunnel, 97/6, 97/, b 96/, s 99/; ditto Extended, £11, b £11, s £11/5/; New Dempsey, 8/9, b 8/3, s 9/; New Loch Fyne, b 11/, s 13/; New Moon, s 65/; South German, b 12/3, s 16/6; Tewksbury, 26/, b 24/.

Western Australian gold mines:—Barambie Ranges, 1/8, 1/9, b 1/6, s 2/; ditto, paid, b 1/6; Black Range, 28/, s 20/; ditto, Koh-i-noor, b 4/4, s 5/; Great Boulder, b 26/6, s 27/; Havilah, b 6/, s 8/; Mararoa, b 21/1, s 21/6; Marvel Loch, s 1/; ditto, paid, b 2/4, s 2/9; Melton, b 1/7.

LONDON SHARE MARKET.

LONDON, July 30.

On the Stock Exchange yesterday quotations of Australian mining ventures were:—B.H. Block 10, b 47/6, s 50/; South Broken Hill, b 66/3, s 68/9.

MANAGERS' REPORTS.

Golden Fleece Company, July 25:—Eastern reef, south level, extended 4ft; total from crosscut, 338ft. Reef cut out. At this point in upper levels, shoot of gold finishes, and a long blank is known to exist, before the next shoot of gold is cut. Level discontinued. North level extended 15ft; total from crosscut, 175ft. Ore 8in wide, value 2½oz per ton. Stopes north and south keeping up average size and quality. Winze at 500ft level sunk to 25ft; ore 6in wide, value 1oz per ton. Western Reef: Commencing drive south level, and expect [illegible] shoot of gold worked in the higher levels in [illegible] Ore at grass [illegible] tons of [illegible] of thirds [illegible] despatching ore [illegible] at Bully's works.

Sunlight Company, [illegible] No. 10 level: East drive extended 5ft for the week, the channel and reef very much thrown about by faults or slides. As the shoots of gold in the upper levels must come down within a few feet of the present face, I consider the drive well worth going on with. No. 10 level: West drive extended 5ft for the week; size of reef same as last report; gold contents a little better. There are four parties of tributers on at present.

SUBURBAN NEWS.

REDFERN'S ELECTRIC LIGHT.

At the last meeting of the Redfern Council the Mayor (Alderman Leitch) said that if the council could only sell one-half of the electric current it was in a position to supply the local municipal debt would not only be wiped off but there would be a profit of fully £1000 a year. The council had decided to extend its operations to Alexandria, and for this purpose had obtained the permission of the Alexandria Council to erect poles, etc. But Alexandria Council had written asking that Redfern enter into an agreement indemnifying them in the case of action.

It was decided to make inquiries as to whether or not Redfern's insurance guarantee would cover the council's electric light operations outside the municipality.

BEXLEY'S PROGRAMME.

The Bexley Progress Association had a lengthy list of requirements before the council on Monday evening, and sought the council's assistance in having the necessary machinery put in motion to secure the desired ends. A school of arts and literary institute were needed, and the list of railway matters required was as follows:—Subway at Gray-street, Carlton; pedestrian subway at Guinea-street, Kogarah; subway at Wold's-avenue, Hurstville; subway at Gloucester-road, Hurstville; subway or overhead bridge at Mortdale; the extension of the time allowance on weekly tickets for females to about 8.40 a.m. at Sydney station. The Bexley Council decided to make these several requirements an order of the day for next meeting.

A LEGAL POINT.

The Balmain Council is the lessee of the Stephen-street Wharf from the Harbour Trust, and purposes building a new waiting-room, etc., and accordingly has prepared plans and specifications, and called for tenders. The A.M.P. Society owns adjoining land, and at the meeting of the council on Tuesday a letter was received from its solicitors threatening legal proceedings if the council attempted to carry out the work according to the plans prepared, on the ground that it would materially interfere with its client's access to the property. The council decided to reply that the Harbour Trust had approved the work, and that the council's solicitor had advised that, having received such approval, the council was acting within its rights in proceeding.

PROPOSED PARK.

At the Balmain Council on Tuesday night the following motion, moved by Alderman Harwood, was agreed to:—"That in the opinion of this council that parcel of land in Weston-road, near the Iron Cove Bridge, and fronting the water, known as Chape's Paddock, should be procured as a reserve for the residents of this municipality; that application be made to the proper authorities to secure its resumption, and that the members of Parliament for the district (Messrs. J. B. Mercer and J. Storey, Ms.L.A.) be invited to assist in the movement."

FIVE DOCK PROGRESS ASSOCIATION.

The annual report of this association shows that there are 44 members on the roll, and that it has accomplished good work during the year. The separation movement stands in abeyance pending the result of the appeal to the Court. Among the more important matters dealt with were the extension of the tramway section, the duplication of the line, the erection of a fire station at Five Dock, the resumption of Battersea Estate as a waterside recreation ground, postal facilities, telephone bureau, the school of arts, and season tickets on the trams. The result of the association's action in regard to the school of arts was that a working basis was agreed upon, and the institution reorganised. The new committee has succeeded in bringing the institution into an efficient condition. The report and balance-sheet were adopted.

Captain George Allix, who has just given up sea-going command in the London and South-Western Company's cross-Channel fleet, commanded nearly all the company's steamships, and finished up in the Alberta on October 3, 1907, after 34 years' service. During that time he made something like 6000 passages—3000 each way—covering about 300,000 statute miles, carrying something like 700,000 passengers, and going 24,000 times in or out of port. Though he has had many very narrow escapes, the whole of the captain's record has been a remarkably clear one, and he was the most popular officer on the Channel Island service.

NEW SOUTH WALES PARLIAMENT.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The President took the chair at 4.30 p.m.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CLERGY PROVIDENT FUND BILL.

Mr. ROBSON presented a petition praying for leave to proceed with the Church of England Clergy Provident Fund Bill, the progress of which was interrupted by the close of last session. The petition was received, and the bill was introduced and read the first time.

PRIVATE HOSPITALS.

On the motion of Dr. Mackellar, leave was given to introduce a bill to provide for the regulation and inspection of private hospitals. The bill was brought in and read the first time.

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.

On the motion of the Vice-President of the Executive Council, Mr. William Joseph Trickett was again appointed Chairman of Committees.

TEMPORARY SUPPLY BILL.

The suspension of such of the standing orders as would preclude the passing of a Temporary Supply Bill through all its stages at one sitting having been agreed to, the bill was read the first time.

In moving the second reading of the measure the Vice-President of the Executive Council explained that it covered three months, and was for £1,873,000.

Dr. NASH asked for some information with regard to the Newcastle sewerage works.

Mr. KATER said he noticed in schedule "A" the item "Railway rolling stock, to meet additional traffic, £200,000," and he would like to know whether that was the full amount required by the Railway Commissioners. Last session he pointed out that the rolling stock had been allowed to run down.

Mr. WINCHCOMBE said he noticed that £55,000 was down for the Harbour Trust in connection with berthing accommodation, etc. He hoped the body referred to had been granted all they required for the work.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL said with regard to the railway vote, the amount given for general services was £1,250,000, and he was under the impression that when the amounts were discussed with the Chief Commissioner the Government gave him everything he asked for with regard to waggons, stock trucks, etc.

Mr. KATER: And locomotives?

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL said he would not say all, but as far as the contracts could be dealt with at present. The amount was passed practically for what could be done during the financial year. But he was unable to give definite information on the point, and hoped the hon. member would not take what he said as being more than substantially correct. As to the Newcastle sewerage works, the department had been given all it could spend during the three months. A total of £92,000 had been spent already, and the work was going on steadily. As to the Harbour Trust, the amount mentioned in the bill covered what had been asked for.

The bill was read the second time, passed through its remaining stages, and returned to the Assembly.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House at 5.30 p.m. adjourned till 4 o'clock on Thursday next.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

The Speaker took the chair at 20 minutes past 4 o'clock, and with members proceeded to the State Governor's office to present the Address in Reply.

On returning,

The SPEAKER reported the presentation of the Address and his Excellency's reply thereto.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

Messages were received from his Excellency the Governor recommending the House to make provision for the Width of Tires and Scaffolding and Lifts Act Amendment Bills.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS.

The MINISTER FOR LANDS, in answer to Mr. Briner, said the question of placing the Crown tenants and purchasers of land in private townships on an equal footing with other persons in regard to applying for conditional purchase leases was under consideration in connection with the promised new land bill, as were also the claims of special lessees living on their leases for the right to convert their holdings into conditional purchase leases.

The MINISTER FOR WORKS, in answer to Mr. Briner, said the road from Coramba to Dorrigo would be completed as soon as the branch roads were sufficiently advanced.

The MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE, in answer to Mr. Nielsen, said the fox pest could be dealt with under the Pastures and Stock Protection Acts. It was not proposed to abolish the inspectors, as the apathy of people in the past with regard to destroying noxious animals had rendered their appointment necessary.

The MINISTER FOR WORKS, in answer to Mr. Levy, said that 16 persons had applied for legal aid under the Poor Prisoners' Defence Act, and 10 applications had been granted. No special action was taken to bring the provisions of the Act under the notice of accused persons, but a circular letter had been directed to all benches of magistrates in the State directing their attention to section 2 of the Act.

The MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE, in answer to Mr. Nielsen, said a bill to amend the Pastures Protection Act was now under consideration. Annual reports received from the pastures boards showed that in 19 districts rabbits were reported to be increasing, as against 30 districts last year. In 37 districts the rabbits were said to be decreasing, in seven they appeared stationary, and three districts still remained uninfested.

The MINISTER FOR WORKS informed Mr. Beeby that an investigation was being made of the head waters of the Macquarie River, with a view to irrigation works being carried out, but as the matter was still in the preliminary stage he was unable to say whether lands which would benefit thereby would be resumed prior to the works being carried out.

The MINISTER FOR WORKS, in answer to Mr. Charlton, said the survey of the Wallsend to West Wallsend tram would be finished in a few weeks, and tenders for the construction of the line would be called as soon as possible after that.

The MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE, answering Mr. Briner, said existing experimental farms would be brought up to date before any further experimental farms were established. When that was done the claims of Dorrigo to such a farm would be considered.

The MINISTER FOR WORKS, in answer to Mr. M'Farlane, said that dredges had worked 272 days during the last three years in Yamba channel, at a total cost of £7089.

The TREASURER, in answer to Mr. Fitzpatrick, who asked a question with reference to increasing the amount which the Government Savings Bank might lend to farmers from a maximum of £2000 to £5000, said it would be highly inexpedient to increase the limit to the amount suggested. To do so might lead to the disposal of available funds among farmers and others quite able to finance otherwise, and to the exclusion of those not so fortunately situated.

The MINISTER FOR LANDS informed Mr. Price that classification of lands in the Gloucester, Port Stephens, and Manning River districts was proceeding as fast as the field officers could inspect the country. The total area of land which it was proposed to make available in the counties in which these districts are situated was 83,100 acres.

The TREASURER, in reply to Mr. Mercer, said that pupils were allowed to travel at children's rates up to the age of 18 years. On the railways children generally were allowed to travel at half rates up to 14 years of age, while they were allowed to take out season tickets at quarter rates up to 18 years of age.

Asked when tenders would be called for section 2 of the North Coast railway, between Taree and Gloucester, the MINISTER FOR WORKS said that tenders for the steel bridge over the Manning River were called on Wednesday, and tenders for the balance of the steel bridges on this section would be called in about a fortnight. Tenders for the construction of the line would be invited at the earliest possible time. It is expected that tenders for the third section will be called early in 1909.

The MINISTER FOR LANDS, in answer to Mr. Price, said the railway reserves in Gloucester electorate were being reviewed, and those that were not required would be made available for settlement.

The MINISTER FOR WORKS, in reply to Mr. Cann, said that it was the Government's intention not to keep out of session one day longer than necessary in regard to the visit of the American fleet. It would not be for more than two weeks at the outside.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Speaker drew attention to the fact that on the business paper were several motions for the restoration of business which had lapsed last session. He promised to look into the Standing Orders bearing on the subject, and see if these matters could not be restored in a way that would give them preference over new private bills.

The House at 5 minutes past 6 adjourned till Tuesday next.

The Hay show is illustrated and described in the "Sydney Mail" this week.—Advt.

RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS.

A REMARKABLE YEAR.

SURPLUS OF OVER £648,000.

The annual report of the Chief Commissioner for Railways for the period ended June 30 was made available yesterday. The following table shows at a glance the results of the 12 months' operations, and furnishes a comparison with the preceding financial year:—

1907-8.

	Railways. £	Tramways. £	Total. £
Earnings	4,944,134	1,011,994	5,956,128
Working expenses	2,714,839	809,065	3,523,904
Balance after paying working expenses	2,229,295	202,929	2,432,224
Interest on capital invested	1,649,364	134,504	1,783,868
	579,931	68,425	
Railways and tramways, surplus, 1907-8			648,356

1906-7.

	Railways. £	Tramways. £	Total. £
Earnings	4,709,406	908,701	5,618,107
Working expenses	2,499,741	727,947	3,227,688
Balance after paying working expenses	2,209,665	180,754	2,390,419
Interest on capital invested	1,598,710	131,793	1,730,503
	610,955	48,961	
Railways and tramways, surplus, 1906-7			659,916

The number of miles of line open for traffic on June 30 was 3472¾. The expenditure charged to capital account during the year amounted to £983,254. The total expenditure on lines open for traffic on June 30, 1908, was £45,683,484. Although reductions in rates and fares operated throughout the year to the extent of about £214,000, the total earnings amounted to £4,944,134, as compared with £4,709,406 for the previous year, being an improvement of £234,728, or 4.98 per cent.

HUGE INCREASE OF TRAFFIC.

With the exception of grain and flour, etc., andwool, which showed a decrease of 268,918 tons and £141,216 in revenue in the case of the former, and a decrease of 4909 tons and £18,417 in revenue in respect of wool, all classes contributed to the improvement. The net tonnage carried was 1,381,557 in excess of the amount carried during 1906-7. Passengers numbered 47,487,030, as against 41,413,084, with an increase in revenue of £92,143; parcels gave an increase of £21,712; general merchandise, 185,714 tons, and £78,179; live stock, 204,568 tons, and £89,893; hay, straw, and chaff, 18,277 tons, and £3741; coal and coke, 1,190,506 tons, and £96,773; other minerals, 56,219 tons, and £11,693. The train miles run show an increase of 1,304,984.

NON-PAYING LINES.

Twenty-six railways, including three new lines, with a total mileage of 1418, were operated at a loss aggregating £286,950 for the year, as compared with £268,393 for the preceding year. The total earnings of these lines, excluding the three new ones, was £580,029, and the total working expenses £397,877. The capital represented by the non-paying lines is set down at £12,853,219, and the annual interest at £466,315, and the difference between the earnings and the sum of the working expenses and the interest represents the loss.

Excluding the three new lines, the 23 non-paying lines and the amount of the year's losses are:—Tamworth to Jennings, £41,337; Goulburn to Cooma, £38,346; Demondrille to Blayney, £28,924; Wallerawang to Mudgee, £22,750; Murwillumbah to Casino, £22,074; Narrandera to Hay, £17,461; Narrandera to Finley, £14,879; Nyngan to Bourke, £13,150; Kiama to Nowra, £11,333; Blacktown to Richmond, £7810; Grafton to Casino, £7144; Cootamundra to Gundagai, £6907; Culcairn to Corowa, £6260; Gundagai to Tumut, £5935; Sydenham to Belmore, £4821; Clyde to Carlingford, £3918; Goulburn to Crookwell, £3735; Culcairn to Germanton, £3079; Burren to Cryon, £1936; Nevertire to Warren, £1935; Hornsby to Milson's Point, £1798; Koorawatha to Grenfell, £1426; The Rock to Lockhart, £1186. The three new lines which were responsible for losses were:—Temora to Ariah Park, £649; Burren Junction to Collarenebri East, £1173; and Bogan Gate to Trundle, £965.

SAFETY APPLIANCES.

Additional safety appliances and improvements have been made at various places, and every reasonable precaution has been taken to ensure safe working, but much requires to be done in the interlocking of points and signals at many of the larger stations, and provision is being made to proceed with these improvements within the current financial year. During the past seven years 258,620,836 passengers have been carried, and only one was fatally injured owing to accidents to passenger trains. It is, however, regretted that the number of non-fatal accidents was larger than usual, but they were mostly of a trivial nature, 92 per cent. being due to want of caution on the part of the injured, and the bulk of them were not associated with the working of the traffic; many of them could not properly be regarded as railway accidents at all, since they were not caused by railway working, but were of a kind incidental to all forms of industrial employment.

The reductions in rates and fares made prior to 1907 and subsequently operated during the year to the extent of about £174,006, and further reductions amounting to about £40,000 were made in the carriage of starving stock.

ADDITIONAL ROLLING STOCK.

The volume of traffic continues to show remarkable development. For the past year passengers increased 6,073,946; and goods, minerals, and live stock, 1,381,557 tons; and during the past five years passenger traffic increased 47 per cent., and goods tonnage 54 per cent.

It has been difficult to keep pace with this rapid expansion satisfactorily. The want of additional rolling stock, accommodation, and appliances generally has been severely felt. Additional rolling stock is daily coming forward; but, in the interests of economy, further supplies are necessary. The duplication of several sections of the line, where the traffic has outgrown single line working, additional sidings, station accommodation, and other facilities are also urgently required, and for these purposes Parliament will be asked to vote the necessary funds.

THE TRAMWAYS.

On June 30 132¾ miles of tramways were in operation. The expenditure charged to capital account during the year amounted to £63,647. The total capital expenditure on lines open for traffic on June 30 was £3,732,991. The total earnings amounted to £1,011,994, as compared with £908,701 last year, being an improvement of £103,293, or 11.37 per cent. After making liberal provision for the general upkeep of the property and providing a sum of £25,000 to clear off the capital cost of the old cable plants, conduits, etc., of the North Shore and Ocean-street lines, £32,000 on account of old steam motors, and £25,000 towards depreciation of the Ultimo Powerhouse machinery, the total expenditure amounted to £809,065, as compared with £727,947 the previous year, an increase of £81,118, or 11.14 per cent. The percentage of expenditure to receipts is 79.95 per cent., as compared with 80.11 per cent. last year. The net result, after providing for all working expenses and £134,504 interest on the capital invested, is a surplus of £68,425, as compared with £48,961 last year.

During the year 172,020,932 passengers were carried, and although unfortunately one accident resulted in the death of two employees, of the total number of accidents 88 per cent. were due to the want of caution on the part of the injured. No passengers were fatally injured directly resulting from accidents to the trams, and in this respect only two passengers have been fatally injured through accidents to trams for the past eight years, during which time the number carried was 1,082,058,863.

THE STAFF.

The staff employed on June 30 numbered 22,971, viz.:—Railways, 17,924; tramways, 5047. Owing to the very large increase in passengers, goods, live stock, and minerals, 3456 additional hands were employed, compared with the corresponding period last year. Full classification and merit advances were granted during the year to the extent of £99,000, of which the wages staff received £83,250. The working time of the station officers has been reduced to six days per week, and the conditions of the staff in other directions have been improved.

GOLD DREDGING IN NORTHERN TERRITORY.

PORT DARWIN, Thursday.

State and Tulloch, who left by the Empire to-day for the east, are gold-dredging experts who have been spending some weeks examining the country in the mining districts. They are satisfied with what they have seen, and have secured dredging areas at Sandy Creek, Bridge Creek, and other localities. Provided those associated with them are satisfied with their representations, they will introduce a complete up-to-date dredging plant within two or three months' time. They the confident that dredging will prove successful in several different localities. The plant they purpose introducing will treat about 110 cubic yards hourly, or about 14 acres to a depth of 18ft annually.

"A Casual Glance" in this week's "Sydney Mail" is, as usual, crisply written and humorously illustrated.—Advt.

SYDNEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the Sydney Chamber of Commerce was held at the Royal Exchange yesterday afternoon, the president, Mr. F. E. Winchcombe, M.L.C., occupying the chair.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

The President, in the course of his address in moving the adoption of the report, said:—

"The labours of the council during the year have been heavy. A close watch has been kept upon legislation, and every bill having a direct bearing upon commercial interests has been carefully scrutinised.

CUSTOMS MATTERS.

"We took prompt action to obtain a free expression of opinion from the mercantile community upon the new tariff. The protest had not perhaps the same weight with the Acting Prime Minister as it would have had if it had emanated from a Labour Congress, but it undoubtedly had some effect, and many of the irregularities to which we called attention were set right. So far as the tariff is concerned, all that need now be said is that one hopes it is settled for a term of years, and that before the subject is reopened traders will be allowed time to recover from the worries and losses caused by the constant alterations and the tariff uncertainties to which they have recently been subjected. (Hear, hear.) One thing yet remains to be done, and that is to appoint an independent tribunal outside the Customs Department to decide all contested points as between the department and the public. In the collection of duties under a voluminous tariff differences of opinion must necessarily occur regarding the correct description of certain goods, and the amount of duty chargeable is sometimes considerably affected by the official decision. The decision at present rests with the Customs authorities themselves. And it needs no argument to show that such a position is unfair to the importer. This is a question upon which strong representations have been made to the Minister for Trade and Customs, and if an appeal board, consisting of two or three business men, be established to decide disputed questions, an important step will have been taken towards securing more cordial relations between merchants and the Customs-house. On this subject it is perhaps well to say that I think too much use has been made of the word 'experts' in connection with the proposed board. It would be obviously impossible to obtain men for the position who were experts in every branch of trade. What is required is a board composed of men of business training and experience, who, with the assistance of expert opinion where necessary, would decide all questions from an impartial and common-sense standpoint, neither seeking to rob the Treasury on the one hand, nor to manufacture criminals on the other. (Hear, hear.)

FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION.

"It can hardly be said that the administration of transferred departments by the Commonwealth has on the whole been satisfactory. The Customs Department seems to have acted on the assumption that merchants were the natural enemies of the department, and that relations between the officials and the public must always be maintained on a war footing. The Post Office, with its sub-departments of telegraphs and telephones, has been the cause of such serious public complaints that a Royal Commission is now engaged in making inquiry into its system of management. I venture to think that the trouble in regard to these and other Commonwealth services arises in no sense from any incompetence on the part of the officers employed, but from the attempt of the management to centralise all authority at the seat of Government. (Hear, hear.) Until the Government can make up its mind to trust the heads of departments in each State with much larger powers there will be no chance of bettering existing conditions.

STATES AND COMMONWEALTH.

"On many grounds it is to be regretted that no agreement has yet been arrived at for an adjustment of future financial relations between the States and the Commonwealth. Negotiations have apparently come to a deadlock. But seeing that time is going by, and that in 1910 the right of the States to a voice in the adjustment will lapse, something ought to be done. Would it not be a wise step now to try something new in the way of a conference, and to invite the assistance of men who can view the situation apart from its purely political aspect? I venture to suggest remitting the question to a committee of leading bankers, say either one or two from each State, who might be requested to meet with one or two Federal Treasury officials, and to make what they consider a fair proposal. Such proposal need not be binding upon anybody, but it would afford a hopeful basis upon which to reopen the whole subject. If a recommendation were made by a body of this sort with anything like unanimity it would carry great weight both with Parliaments and with the public, and it might at least point the way towards an equitable solution of the problem.

COMMERCIAL EDUCATION.

"The movement in favour of commercial education, which was orginated by Mr. G. S. Littlejohn, of this chamber, has spread, and commercial examinations are now being held annually by the Universities of Sydney, Melbourne, and Adelaide. At the request of the Associated Chambers an effort is now being made to bring about uniformity of practice at the three universities, so that the commercial curriculum may be the same at each centre.

CONGRESS OF BRITISH CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE.

"The seventh Congress of Chambers of Commerce of the British Empire is to open in Sydney on September 14, next year. This will be a notable gathering, and the commercial community of Sydney, who will be in the position of hosts on the occasion, should see that every effort is put forward to make the congress a success, and to send our visitors away with a good impression. It will be a unique opportunity for convincing an influential body of men as to the immense resources of Australia, and also as to its industrial activity, its commercial soundness, and its assured prosperity."

THE REPORT.

In course of the report of the council it was stated that 47 new members had been enrolled during the year. Considerable interest in connection with both Federal and State legislation on the subject of pure foods and proprietary articles was aroused during the year, so much so that two delegates from the London Chamber of Commerce were sent to Australia to consult with the authorities upon certain phases of the matter. The council made exhaustive inquiries, and finally, on the arrival of the delegates, arranged for an interview with the Premier, who satisfied those gentlemen with the assurance that so far as State legislation was concerned their representations would have great weight, and he considered their fears regarding enforced publication of formulae were groundless.

In March last it was rumoured that at a conference of cable companies, to be held at Lisbon early in May, an effort would be made to restrict the use of cable code words, but the united objections made by the council and others were successful, and existing codes would not be interfered with. The council had again urged upon the Government the necessity for prompt action in regard to bills of sale, and there were grounds for believing that an amending bill would shortly be introduced.

The matter of subsidies for the Eastern trade was much before the commercial community during the year, consequent upon the action of the State of Victoria in subsidising a Victorian owned steamship line to run to Java and Singapore in competition with the line already trading to those ports from Sydney. The council seeing the seriousness of this development made strong representations to the Government. Eventually a satisfactory solution of the difficulty was arrived at, the Government agreeing to place the Sydney owned line on a similar footing to that of Melbourne. The direct trade from Sydney to Singapore, via Torres Straits, would therefore go on without interruption.

The public announcement that unionists would not register under the Industrial Disputes Act, but would rely on strikes to enforce their claims, had been received with much disappointment, as indicating an unwillingness to abide by majority rule. The law, however, would take its course, and probably better counsels would prevail when the new Court got to work.

The report was adopted.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL.

The election of a council for the ensuing year resulted:—H. Y. Braddon, Arthur A. C. Cocks, J. Russell French, Moritz Gotthelf, Walter J. Keep, S. E. Laidley, George S. Littlejohn, Herbert R. Lysaght, George M. Merivale, Augustus F. Robinson, Edward H. Rogers, James M. Sandy, Alexander B. Templeman, George Wall, F. E. Winchcombe, M.L.C.

CONSTITUTION OF THE CHAMBER.

On the motion of Mr. J. M. Paxton, it was decided "that a committee, consisting of Mr. F. E. Winchcombe, M.L.C., Messrs. E. H. Rogers, A. A. C. Cocks, Robert C. Reed, with the mover, be appointed to take into consideration the housing and officering of the chamber, and the necessity of revising the constitution and rules of the chamber."

SECTIONAL COMMITTEES.

The following sectional committees were elected:—

Commercial Educational Section.—H. Y. Braddon, J. Kerr, S. J. Carruthers, G. S. Littlejohn, C. T. Starkey, George Wall, J. Russell French.

Wine and Spirit Trade Section.—F. Bligh, R. C. Galbraith, V. R. Gosche, H. Chas. Mitchell, E. H. Rogers, J. L. Boutter, C. C. Tucker.

Shipping Section.—H. C. Benson, E. J. Lamb, W. McMaster, J. M. Paxton, D. H. Prosser, Walter Ratcliffe, Robert C. Reed, Captain T. L. Webb, A. Gordon Wesche.

Grain Trade Section.—J. S. Brunton, H. E. Davison, R. Gillespie, M. J. Hurley, S. C. Lindley, D. McCorquodale, J. M. Paxton, H. M. Suttor, F. J. Wallis.

Legal Section.—H. B. Allard, M. Gotthelf, Mark Mitchell, Ernest W. Perkins, E. H. Rogers, George Wall.

Jewellery Trade Section.—N. Aronson, G. H. Bosch, A. A. C. Cocks, E. W. Culver, M. Goldring, G. Kollerstrom, A. H. Nathan, F. Over, E. B. Rollason.

Proprietary Articles Section.—J. T. Bird, G. F. Birks, W. J. Gollin, J. F. Mackenzie, Alexander Markell, Joseph Meek, H. O. Rogers, F. R. Wakelin, W. E. Wilson.

Associated Chambers of Commerce of Commonwealth of Australia.—J. Russell French, J. Maitland Paxton, F. E. Winchcombe.

INSTITUTE OF MARINE ENGINEERS.

HEROIC ACTION ACKNOWLEDGED.

The Australasian Institute of Marine Engineers held a smoke concert last evening in Baumann's Cafe, to celebrate the installation of hon. associates and make several presentations. There was a numerous attendance, and the president, Mr. W. Furniss, was in the chair. After the usual loyal toast, the institute's badge of honorary associateship, a gold medal, was presented to Messrs. J. Berry, W. Marr, W. B. Dick, H. Selfe, R. Sinclair, J. Kid, and F. E. Stowe.

A presentation of a medal for bravery under most trying circumstances was then made to Mr. O'Keeffe. A couple of years ago Mr. O'Keeffe was chief engineer of the Airlie, of the Burns, Philp line, trading to Singapore. The vessel was loading at the wharf at Palmerston. Mr. O'Keeffe and two Hindoo firemen were effecting repairs in the stokehole. Suddenly one of the main pipes in the ship's boiler exploded, and the escaping steam struck O'Keeffe full on the stomach. At the same time the two Hindoos were severely injured, one of them being knocked over. O'Keeffe, though he was so badly scalded that his entrails were actually exposed, picked up the Indian who had fallen, and carried him to safety, when he fell in a faint himself. He was helped to the deck, and it was found that his injuries were so great that when his clothes were removed part of the flesh came with them. He was carried to the Palmerston Hospital, where for some days his life was in danger, and it was only through the unremitting attention of Dr. Fulton and Sister West that he was finally pulled through. In acknowledging the honour paid him, Mr. O'Keeffe said that he was sure that all the members of the institute whom he knew would have done the same thing under the circumstances.

Presentations were next made to Mr. J. C. Brand, the institution's retiring president, and editor of the Australasian "Marine Engineers' Review," who is about to leave for Europe; and to Mr. James Johnston, hon. treasurer of the institute.

In proposing the toast of the recipients of the badges, the chairman said that the office of engineer carried with it such responsibilities that a high degree of training was necessary. The most successful power-house engineers were acknowledged to be those who had had the most extensive marine experience.

Captain Green, of the E. and A. Company, spoke of the good feeling prevailing between the deck and engine-room staff on his company's ships. He hoped that the gentlemen who wore the medal that night would wear it with as much pleasure as he did.

The toasts of "The Visitors," "The Institute," and of "Kindred Societies," were also drunk. Various musical items were rendered during the evening.

THE FIRE BRIGADE.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The annual report of the Fire Brigades Board was tabled in the Legislative Assembly last night by the Chief Secretary. The annual rateable value of the districts included in the 45 contributing municipalities amounted to £5,652,078, being £159,797 above that of the preceding year. The contributions represented .66 of a penny in the pound of assessment, or 5s 6d per £100. Fourteen marine insurance companies, as well as one company which had in the previous year commenced business in the State, contributed for the first time, raising the total contributory fire insurance companies to 59. The amount held at risk within the metropolitan district was £81,364,129, an increase of £3,255,380. Of that, the marine insurance companies were responsible for £40,504. The levy was equal to 4.63d per £100 of risk. The outlay for the year was £52,200. Of 757 calls received, 636 proved to be fires, but the total loss in the metropolitan district was not comparatively heavy. The need for a fire float is emphasised, and attention is called to the increasing necessity for an extension of the headquarters' fire station. The inadequacy of the present premises, and the danger of accident owing to the inconvenience of the entrance and the passing trams, is pointed out. "It has been pointed out," the report says, "that the cost of purchasing the necessary property increases, so that the longer the extension be delayed the more expensive it will be. Already the warnings which have been given in this respect have been amply verified, and now it is again earnestly represented that the most economical method of affording the necessary enlargement would be to take immediate action."

THE POWELL WOOD PROCESS.

NEW WORKS OPENED.

A large party, including several gentlemen engaged in commercial affairs and members of the City Council, visited Berry's Bay yesterday afternoon, at the invitation of the directors of the New South Wales Powell Wood Process, Ltd., to witness the official opening of the new works.

Mr. Lee (Minister for Works), in declaring the plant open, said that if the process did all the company claimed for it a great benefit would be conferred on the timber trade and the public. Checking the white ant would mean a saving in time of millions of pounds, but it was also contended that the process would render commercially valuable much Australian timber that now suffered from shrinkage. If it could be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Government, he promised the sleepers used for railway work would be treated in this way. The extensive plant, which cost over £20,000, was inspected, and demonstrations given by the engineer, Mr. Julius. The principle of the process consists in boiling timber in a saccharine solution containing such other ingredients as may be desired, whereby the latent air, sap, and much of the organic matter which it contains is expelled, and the wood cells are then filled with the saccharine matter, a substance akin to the wood itself, and thereby also impregnated with the other materials contained in the solution. The timber is subsequently dried in specially constructed chambers, leaving it, if so desired, in a perfectly seasoned condition. Powellised timber is claimed to be proof against all insects, land and marine. The invention was made by an Englishman a few years ago, and, it is stated, has been exhaustively tested in Western Australia, with the result that the Government there has erected works for its own use.

The barque Kassa was lying alongside the wharf yesterday discharging 290,000ft of Tasmanian blue gum, which is being treated by the process to the order of Messrs. Geo. Hudson, who intend to use it for their machine-made houses.

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—There appeared on July 29 a letter signed William E. White. No doubt he thinks he is right, but I am at a loss to know how his ideas coincide. First, I take it he means the Royal Agricultural Society should not open on Good Friday. Failing to get them to accede to his request, what do we find this good man, who seems to have such an interest in the spiritual welfare of the people, doing? Advocating nothing less than boycotting. What a gospel to preach! I have every confidence in the exhibitors and the visiting public that they will not encourage such a proposition in this country against such a valuable institution, which is such a boon to the agriculturist and manufacturer of this country. Archdeacon White says the only way to bring them to their senses is to fight them with their own weapon, and make them feel their financial loss. Does Archdeacon White think for one moment that the council of this institution get any monetary consideration? I would like to say at once that this is not a money-making syndicate, but spends all its takings in forwarding the interests of the R.A.S. The council works hard from show to show, without fee or reward, trying to bring this country and its products to the front, and I have no hesitation in saying that they have succeeded. With regard to the Church of England and the Church of Rome referred to by Archdeacon White having it all in their own hands, I would remind him of the old saying: Do unto others as you would them do unto you.

I am, etc.,

T.J.H.

The Poultry Notes in the "Sydney Mail" each week are always interesting.—Advt.

For Children's Hacking Cough at night, Woods' Great Peppermint Cure. 1s 6d.—Advt.

PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

MINISTER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Mr. Hogue, Minister for Public Instruction, laid his report for the year 1907 upon the table of the Legislative Assembly last night.

During the year 138 schools were opened and 105 closed, and at the end of the year there were 2918 schools, with 3131 departments, in operation. They were divided as follows:—High schools, 5; Public schools, 2140; provisional schools, 398; half-time schools, 328; house-to-house schools, 9; evening public schools, 33; subsidised schools, 230; and industrial and reformatory schools, 3.

The gross enrolment for all schools under the department's control was 276,037, comprising 273,979 for day schools and 2058 for evening schools. The multiple enrolments amount to 14.6 per cent. of the total gross enrolment. Deducting this percentage, the number of individual pupils in attendance at State schools during 1907 was 235,736. The number of individual pupils on the school rolls cannot, however, be accepted as a basis upon which to form an estimate of attendance. One factor which must be considered in this connection is the unusual activity shown in the movement of population in this State during 1907, and this factor helps to explain the disparity between the number of individual pupils on the school rolls for the year and the number in actual attendance at any one time.

The school returns for December quarter show that the number of pupils on the rolls, including high schools, primary schools, and subsidised schools, at the close of the year, was 209,229, with an average attendance of 150,485.6. The proportion of the average attendance to the enrolment at the end of 1907 was 71.9 per cent. The mean quarterly enrolment was 213,709, and the mean average attendance was 152,607.9, or 71.4 of the enrolment; a proportion lower than in any year since 1898. The falling off in the attendance thus indicated is mainly due to the severity of epidemics, principally influenza, whooping cough, and measles.

Of 209,229 pupils enrolled 181,104, or 86.5 per cent. of the whole number, were between the ages of 6 and 14 years; 8535, or 4.1 per cent., were under 6 years of age; and 19,590, or 9.4 per cent., were over 14 years. Estimating the mean population of the State for 1907 at 1,554,635, the population between 6 and 14 years of age was 258,500. Of this number 204,048, or 78.9 per cent., attended State schools, and 54,452, or 21.1 per cent., received instruction in private schools or at home, or else remained untaught. From the latest returns of private schools attendance it is estimated that the total enrolment was 64,643. As of this enrolment 43,682 pupils were between the ages of 6 and 14, it will be seen that of the total statutory school population of 258,500 247,730, or 95.8 per cent., were enrolled at State and private schools, while 10,770, or 4.2 per cent., were taught at home, had left school after satisfying the standards of the Act, or remained untaught. In addition to those of the statutory school age, pupils under 6 years and over 14 years of age were also enrolled for school attendance—31,688 at State schools, 15,362 at private schools.

The sum available for expenditure under the Public Instruction Act was £962,987 13s 4d. The total outlay was £922,295 0s 5d, namely, £103,347 0s 7d on school premises, £758,130 12s 7d on school maintenance, and £60,817 7s 3d on administration and training schools; leaving a balance at the end of the year of £40,692 12s 11d, including £1608 17s, the amount of the unexpended balances refunded to the Treasury on June 30, 1907, and a sum approximating £30,000 for increases to teachers' salaries under the new regulations for the six months ended December 31, 1907.

The gross expenditure for 1907 was £922,295 0s 5d, as against £881,580 13s 8d for 1906, an increase of £40,714 6s 9d. The outlay upon sites, buildings, etc., was £13,371 15s 11d more than in 1906, while the expenditure upon teachers' salaries and allowances was £15,586 17s 8d in excess of 1906 disbursements. A statement is given showing the average cost to the State of a child's education, calculated (a) upon the net school expenditure, and (b) upon the expenditure, excluding the cost of school premises. Upon the former basis, the cost per child in average attendance was £6 0s 4½d for 1907, as compared with £5 8s 1d for 1906; and upon the latter basis, £5 6s 10d for 1907, as compared with £4 16s 2d for 1906. The total cost per child upon the whole population of the State was 11s 9¾d, while in 1906 it was 10s 9¾d.

At the training college for teachers 299 students were enrolled (152 males and 147 females). Of these 199 held "A" scholarships, and 86 "B" scholarships. The remaining 14 were non-scholarship students. Of the total number 288 had formerly served as pupil teachers, and 11 were persons who had not previously been in the service of the department.

The total enrolment at the five High schools in operation was 968, and the average daily attendance 669.8, as against 917 and 670.9 respectively for 1906. The total expenditure on High schools was £9501 0s 11d, being £1561 11s more than in 1906; and the amount of fees received £3616 14s 8d, an increase of £217 6s 4d. The actual cost to the State was £5884 6s 3d, being at the rate of £6 9s 7d per head of the total enrolment as against £4 19s 5d in 1906.

Five thousand seven hundred and forty-five teachers of all classes were actually employed on December 31, 1907, being 182 more than at the end of the previous year; 3563 were classified teachers, 1117 unclassified, 299 were Training-school students, 634 pupil-teachers, 97 work-mistresses, and 35 High School teachers. Of the whole number, 55.9 per cent. are males and 44.1 females, and of the teachers in charge of schools 80.5 per cent. are males and 19.5 females. As regards assistants, 31.3 per cent. are males and 68.7 females.

During 1907 there were at the various district schools 180 probationary students in their first year (78 males and 102 females), and 103 in their second year (46 males and 57 females). Of these second-year students 90 passed the examination held in December for entrance to the Training College. At present, however, the majority of places available has been assigned to pupil-teachers, it being considered that they have the first claim upon the department in this matter.

The year has been one of steady advance in matters relating to technical education. During the year the number of technical classes in operation throughout the State increased from 654 to 718. This increase was particularly noticeable in the country districts, where the classes in 1907 numbered 367 as against 294 in 1906. The total enrolments in all classes increased from 15,594 to 17,662, and the amount of fees received from students was £12,046 in 1907, as against £11,007 in 1906. There were 5512 students examined, of whom 73 per cent passed. The number of individuals who attended the Sydney Technical College classes for 1907 was 4711, as against 4037 for the previous year. Of this number 103 were pupils of the Boys' High School and other Public schools. Many of the students were enrolled for more than one class. The aggregate enrolment was 7067, including 128 for the school classes.

At the beginning of the year 686 school savings banks were in existence, 15 new ones were established, and 2 were closed, leaving 681 in operation on December 31. The credit balance brought forward from 1906 was £8788 10s 8d, and at the end of the year it amounted to £10,042 16s 5d, showing an increase of £1254 5s 9d.

The deposits and withdrawals during the year amounted to £24,662 14s 2d and £23,408 8s 5d, respectively, the former showing an increase on the previous year's transactions of £6143 6s 11d, and the latter an increase of £2899 14s 4d. The amount withdrawn for deposit to the credit of pupils in the Government Savings Bank was £5641 16s 10d, as compared with £4231 12s 8d in 1906. The amount of interest accrued to December 31 last was £608 7s 7d. The estimated number of depositors is 55,000.

Since the establishment of these banks in 1887 the deposits have totalled £308,030 13s 6d, and the withdrawals £292,987 17s 1d.

Good results are anticipated from the system of anthropometric survey of Public school children. Good progress was made in the work of imparting instruction in the elementary scientific principles of agriculture, horticulture, floriculture, and arboriculture to teachers and pupils. It is intended to continue the rural camp schools inaugurated in 1906, and in future one will be held in the spring and one in the autumn of each year.

FIRE IN SUGAR-CANE.

1000 TONS DESTROYED.

BUNDABERG (Q.), Thursday.

As Mrs. Lutz, a cane farmer, at Woongarra, near Bundaberg, was burning off trash on Wednesday, sparks blown by a strong wind set fire to cane belonging to Messrs. Peter Knudsen, Rabine, Jacobsen, and E. Wald. As soon as the fire was discovered hands from various places set to work and fought the flames, which were subdued, but not before 1000 tons of cane had been destroyed.

SOUTH LISMORE.

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FUNERALS.

ANDREWS.—The Funeral of the late Mr. EDWIN ANDREWS will move from the Hospice, Victoria-street, Darlinghurst, THIS FRIDAY, at 2.45 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery.
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7 Elizabeth-street, city, and Branches. Tel., 875.

BROWN.—The Friends of CHARLES, JESSIE, and A. and C. HARDEN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly beloved MOTHER, Jane Brown, late of Glebe, which will leave her late residence, 72 Toogood-street, Erskineville, at 1.45 p.m., TO-DAY, for Rookwood Cemetery.

CHRISTIE.—The Friends of the late CHARLES MALVILLE CHRISTIE are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to leave his residence, 253 Oxford-street, Darlinghurst, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at 12.45 p.m., for St. Michael's Church, for service, thence to Rookwood Cemetery.
CHARLES KINSELA, Funeral Director,
Tel., 992. Head Office, 116 Oxford-st, city.

CHRISTIE.—The Friends of Mrs. C. M. CHRISTIE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her dearly loved HUSBAND, Charles Malville; to leave his late residence, 253 Oxford-street, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at 12.45, for St. Michael's Church, Flinders-street, Surry Hills, then to Necropolis. C. KINSELA.

CHRISTIE.—The Friends of SIDNEY, NORMAN, and IRENE CHRISTIE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly loved FATHER, Charles Malville; to leave his late residence, 253 Oxford-street, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at 12.45, for St. Michael's Church, Flinders-street, Surry Hills, then to Necropolis.

CHRISTIE.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. E. CHRISTIE and FAMILY, of North Botany, are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly loved BROTHER and UNCLE, Charles M. Christie; to move from St. Michael's Church, Flinders-street, Surry Hills, THIS DAY, 1.30, for Rookwood.

THE Friends of Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES CORRIE and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved BROTHER and UNCLE, Charles M. Christie; to move from St. Michael's Church, Flinders-street, Surry Hills, at 1.30, for Rookwood.

CHRISTIE.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. H. JAMES, of Erskineville, are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved UNCLE, Charles M. Christie; to move from St. Michael's Church, Flinders-street, Surry Hills, THIS DAY, 1.30 p.m., for Rookwood.

CHRISTIE.—The Friends of Mrs. J. BROWN and Mrs. C. HUTCHISON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly loved Son-in-law and Brother-in-law, Charles M. Christie; to leave his late residence, 253 Oxford-street, THIS DAY, at 12.45, for St. Michael's Church, Flinders-street, Surry Hills.

MASONIC.—The Members of PADDINGTON IONIC LODGE are requested to attend the Funeral of their late Brother, C. M. CHRISTIE; to move from St. Michael's Church, Flinders-street, Surry Hills, at 1.30 p.m. THIS DAY, for Rookwood. Regalia.
Thomas Gorman, W.M.; H. G. Polyblank, h. sec.

CLARKIN.—The Friends of the late Mr. JAMES JOSEPH CLARKIN are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral; to leave his mother's residence, 5 Cleveland-street, Redfern, TO-MORROW (Saturday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis.
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CULLA.—The Friends of Mrs. DENIS CULLA and FAMILY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved DAUGHTER and SISTER, Margaret Frances; to leave our Mortuary Chambers, 484 Harris-street, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for the Necropolis. By request, no flowers. COFFILL and COMPANY,
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DIXON.—The Funeral of the late Mr. HORACE CLENDON DIXON will move from his late residence, Keira, Selwyn-street, Woollstonecraft, THIS FRIDAY, at 12.30 p.m., for Mortuary Station, thence to Necropolis.
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GARDINER.—The Friends of the late Mr. ROBERT (MATE) GARDINER, late of Windsor, are kindly invited to attend his Funeral, which will move from his son's residence, 191 Henderson-road, Alexandria, THIS (Friday) MORNING, at 8 o'clock, for Sydney Railway Station, thence by 9 a.m. train, for Presbyterian Cemetery, Windsor.
JAMES W. CHANDLER, Undertaker, Windsor.

GODDARD.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. GODDARD are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved SON, Bruce, which will leave their residence, 80 Caroline-street, Redfern, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for the Necropolis.
JOSEPH MEDCALF, Undertaker, Redfern.

THE Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JACOB GREENBERG are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved FATHER; to move from their residence, 93 Weston-road, Rozelle, TO-MORROW (Saturday) MORNING, at 8 o'clock, for Rookwood Cemetery.
W. N. BULL, Funeral Director.

HALLOWAY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. ARTHUR HALLOWAY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved INFANT SON, Arthur Charles; to leave 20 Oxford-street, Paddington, THIS FRIDAY, at 2.45 p.m., for Waverley R.C. Cemetery.
CHARLES KINSELA, Funeral Director,
Tel., 992. Padd. Branch, 61 Oxford-st, foot Barracks.

HUDSON.—The Friends of Mr. HORACE HUDSON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly beloved WIFE, Christina (late of Havelock, New Zealand); to move from our Funeral Parlours, 10 Castlereagh-street, city, THIS FRIDAY, at 3.45 a.m., for Waverley Cemetery. Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Limited, Undertakers, 7 Elizabeth-street, and 51 Darlinghurst-road. Tel., 875.

LENNIE.—The Friends of the late ROBERT McFARLANE LENNIE are kindly invited to attend his Funeral, which will arrive from Manly at Parramatta Station, THIS FRIDAY, at a quarter past 4 o'clock, for Western-road Cemetery, Parramatta. Manly and Sydney friends take 3.30 train from Sydney to Parramatta. WILLIAM METCALFE and CO.,
Tel., 99. Parramatta.

MARSON.—The Friends of the late CHARLES JOHN MARSON (late of Barton's Circus) are kindly invited to attend his Funeral. Please take Funeral Train leaving Mortuary THIS AFTERNOON, at 2.25, for Congregational Cemetery, Rookwood.
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MURRAY.—The Friends of the late Mrs. ELIZA MURRAY are kindly invited to attend her Funeral; to leave her son-in-law's residence, 32 The Avenue, Camperdown, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2.15, for R.C. Cemetery, Waverley. F. W. HARTLEY, U'taker, King and Brown sts, Newt. and Kog.

MURRAY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN MURRAY and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved MOTHER and GRANDMOTHER, Eliza; to leave her son-in-law's residence, 32 The Avenue, Camperdown, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2.15 for R.C. Cemetery, Wav.

MURRAY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. WATSON and FAMILY, also Friends of LIZZIE, DAPHNE, and MADGE GALVIN, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved MOTHER and GRANDMOTHER, Mrs. Eliza Murray; to leave his residence, 32 The Avenue, Camperdown, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2.15, for R.C. Cemetery, Waverley. F. W. HARTLEY, Undertaker, King-st, Newtown.

MURRAY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. C. AGAR and FAMILY, of Paddington, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved MOTHER and GRANDMOTHER, Mrs. Eliza Murray; to leave her son-in-law's residence, 32 The Avenue, Camperdown, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2.15, for R.C. Cemetery, Wav.

PETERSEN.—The Friends of Mr. NEIL PETERSEN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late dearly loved WIFE; to leave his residence, 29 Little Mount-street, Pyrmont, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 1.15, for the Necropolis.
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ROBINSON.—The Funeral of the late ADELAIDE J. ROBINSON will leave her late residence, Carrington-avenue, Hurstville, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Sutherland Cemetery, via Hurstville Station, by 2.10 p.m. train from Sydney.
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SOUTER.—The Friends of Mrs. JAMES SOUTER are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved HUSBAND, James; to leave his late residence, High-street, Epping, THIS FRIDAY, at 2 o'clock, for the Carlingford Cemetery.
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Tel., 99. Parramatta.

SUMMERFIELD.—The Friends of the late Mr. RODMOND PLATTS SUMMERFIELD are kindly invited to attend his Funeral, which will move from his late residence, Elm Lodge, Canterbury-road, Canterbury, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, for the Methodist Cemetery, Moorefield.
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WANTED, a good General Servant. Apply, corner Riley and Stafford sts, Stanmore.

WANTED, a Useful, wages 17s 6d. Apply Exchange Hotel, Pitt and Bridge streets.

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WANTED, YOUTH, to milk and assist to deliver. Rozelle Dairy, Crystal-st, Rozelle.

WANTED, a WAITRESS. Apply Victoria Cafe Palace, 208 Pitt-st.

WANTED, useful GIRL; also, Tea Waitress, to live day or holiday work. 32 Bridge-rd, Pyrmont.

WANTED, a young Man, to make himself generally useful. 13A Campbell-st, Padd., H. Hopewell.

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WANTED, YOUTH, milk and useful. G. Ball, Carey-st, Randwick.

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WANTED, PARLOURMAID, must be competent. Mr. Sinclair, Gainsborough, Victoria-st, D'hurst.

WANTED, good General SERVANT, others kept, ref. 166 Albion-st, Surry Hills.

WANTED, a Light General, sleep home, per. ref. Apply 439 Miller-st, N. Sydney.

WANTED, experienced HEAD WAITER, must have references. Apply 136 Pitt-st.

WANTED, Generals, for hotels, good wages; Gen. assist. Mrs. Wiseman, Registry, Mary-st, Newt.

WANTED, LICENSED CAB DRIVER. Apply 7 Iceconvay, Darlinghurst.

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WANTED, compt. Gen., must wash and cook well, start once. Johnston's Hotel, Darlington.

WANTED, yg. Lady Bookkeeper, hotel, etc. Miss Moffett, Arcade, Kings Cross.

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